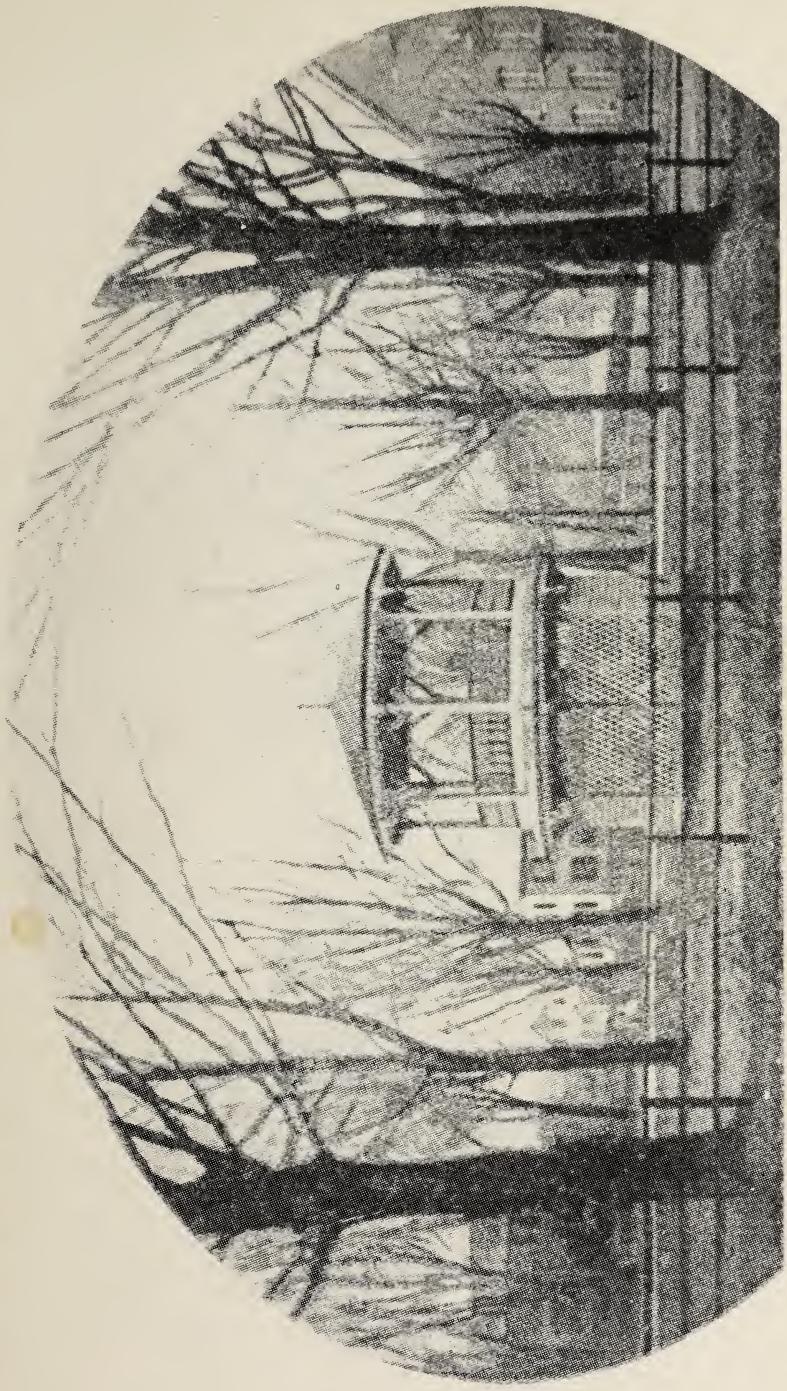


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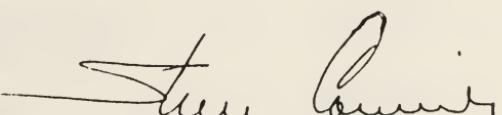
On the cover, the bandstand and common, Three Rivers, Mass.

# Supplement to 1987 ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 16, 1988

TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF PALMER:

The Finance Committee has considered the articles in the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting for the Fiscal Year 1989 and respectfully submits the following report.



STEVEN CORMIER, CHAIRMAN



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ARTICLE 1. To choose all usual Town Officers

ARTICLE 2. To hear and act on reports of all officers and committees whose duties require them to report in said meeting.

ARTICLE 3. To fix the compensation of all elected Town Officers for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1988 and ending June 30, 1989.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1988 TO JUNE 30, 1989 BE FIXED AS FOLLOWS:

Moderator	\$ 172
Selectmen	2,407 each
Treasurer	28,000
Tax Collector	28,000
Town Clerk	28,000
(all fees revert to Town Treasury)	
Assessors	2,293 each
License Commission Members	No Salary
Planning Board Members	No Salary
Palmer Redevelopment Authority Members	No Salary
Board of Health Members	1,147 each
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ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1988, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17 and to see whether the Town will authorize the Treasurer (Collector) to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 1989, as permitted by General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION ON THIS ARTICLE

VOTED: That the Treasurer be, and she is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1988, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17 and to see whether the Town will authorize the Treasurer (Collector) to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 1989, as permitted by General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53P.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money as permitted by law to meet any appropriations made or expenses incurred under any article of the warrant.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION ON THIS ARTICLE.

VOTED: That the Treasurer be, and she is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money, as permitted by law to meet any appropriations made or expenses incurred under any article of the warrant.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in Town, and by advertising once in a local newspaper, fourteen days at least before the sale, any old and obsolete equipment or personal property, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction or sale may reject any bid which they deem inadequate, or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION ON THIS ARTICLE.

VOTED: That the Selectmen be, and they are hereby authorized to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in Town, and by advertising once in a local newspaper, fourteen days at least before the sale, any old and obsolete equipment or personal property, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction or sale may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town, and by advertising once in a local newspaper, fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under Tax Title procedure, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction may reject any bid which they deem inadequate, or take any action relative thereto.

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VOTED: That the Selectmen be, and they are hereby authorized to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town, and by advertising once in a local newspaper, fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under Tax Title procedure, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from the Overlay Reserve Account a sum of money to the Reserve Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE SUM OF \$100,000 BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE OVERLAY RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR THIS PURPOSE.

VOTED: That the sum of \$100,000 be transferred from the Overlay Reserve Account for the Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for unpaid bills of previous years.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT ACTION UNDER THIS ARTICLE BE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

VOTED. That action under Article 9 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Palmer Midget Baseball League, or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE SUM OF \$2,200 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

VOTED: That the sum of \$2,200 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Palmer Midget Baseball League.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Palmer Cowboy Football Team, or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE SUM OF \$1,800 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

VOTED: That the sum of \$1,800 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Palmer Cowboy Football Team.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Palmer Lil' Girls Softball League, or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE SUM OF \$1,800 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

VOTED: That the sum of \$1,800 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Palmer Lil' Girls Softball League.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Palmer Kicker's Soccer Association, or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE SUM OF \$1,500 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

VOTED: That the sum of \$1,500 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Palmer Kicker's Soccer Association.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account to the Cemetery Other Expenses Account, or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE SUM OF \$2,500 BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS ACCOUNT TO THE CEMETERY OTHER EXPENSES ACCOUNT.

VOTED: That the sum of \$2,500 be transferred from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account to the Cemetery Other Expense Account.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to provide community mental health and social services through Valley Human Services, Inc. to the residents of the Town of Palmer, or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE SUM OF \$5,000 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

VOTED: That the sum of \$5,000 be raised and appropriated to provide community mental health and social services through Valley Human Services, Inc. to the residents of the Town of Palmer.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money for "construction, reconstruction, and improvement including surface treatments so-called" on all approved public ways which qualify under the State Aid to Highway guidelines adopted by the Public Work's Commission, said monies to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth through an allocation to the Town under Chapter 199 of the Acts of 1987 and restored upon their receipt to available funds in the Treasury, or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE SUM OF \$54,771 BE TRANSFERRED FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE TREASURY FOR THIS PURPOSE.

VOTED: That the sum of \$54,771 be transferred from Available Funds in the Treasury for "construction, reconstruction, and improvement including surface treatments so-called" on all approved public ways which qualify under the State Aid to Highway guidelines adopted by the Public Work's Commission, said monies to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth through an allocation to the Town under Chapter 199 of the Acts of 1987 and restored upon their receipt to available funds in the Treasury.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to conduct an examination of books and records of the Town of Palmer for the period, July 1, 1987 through June 30, 1988 in compliance with Federal Revenue Sharing Regulations and in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE SUM OF \$12,000 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

VOTED: That the sum of \$12,000 be raised and appropriated to conduct an examination of books and records of the Town of Palmer for the period, July 1, 1987 through June 30, 1988 in compliance with Federal Revenue Sharing Regulations and in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for any State or Federal grant that may become available to the Town of Palmer, or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION ON THIS ARTICLE.

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen be, and they are hereby authorized to apply for any State or Federal grant that may become available to the Town of Palmer.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to purchase a telephone system for the Palmer Administration Building, or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT ACTION UNDER THIS ARTICLE BE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

VOTED: That action under Article 19 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to install a concrete sidewalk and tree belt on the westerly side of South Main Street in the village of Bondsville beginning at the Southerly side of the entrance to First Street then running South along South Main Street for a distance of about 300 feet to a concrete bound between the properties of Leroy Coto and Helen Sonneman; then, continuing along said South Main Street for about a distance of another 100 feet with just a sidewalk but no tree belt to the point of the existing sidewalk on Pine Street, or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE SUM OF \$10,500 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

VOTED: That the sum of \$10,500 be raised and appropriated to install a concrete sidewalk and tree belt on the westerly side of South Main Street in the village of Bondsville beginning at the Southerly side of the entrance to First Street then running South along South Main Street for a distance of about 300 feet to a concrete bound between the properties of Leroy Coto and Helen Sonneman; then, continuing along said South Main Street for about a distance of another 100 feet with just a sidewalk but no tree belt to the point of existing sidewalk on Pine Street.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to reconstruct Peterson Street (formerly Mason Street) from Old Warren Road to the Massachusetts Turnpike, or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE SUM OF \$15,000 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED TO RECONSTRUCT PETERSON STREET (FORMERLY MASON STREET) AND FURTHER, TO INSTRUCT THE SELECTMEN TO AUTHORIZE WORK TO BEGIN IN FISCAL YEAR 1989, OR TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION RELATIVE THERETO.

VOTED: That the sum of \$15,000 be raised and appropriated to reconstruct Peterson Street (formerly Mason Street) from Old Warren Road, and further, that the Board of Selectmen is instructed to authorize work to begin in Fiscal Year 1989.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to repair streets and sidewalks in need of repair as submitted on the priority list prepared by the Highway Superintendent and approved by the Board of Selectmen, or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE SUM OF \$97,000 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

VOTED: That the sum of \$97,000 be raised and appropriated to repair streets and sidewalks in need of repair as submitted on the priority list prepared by the Highway Superintendent and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE SUM OF \$100,000 BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH FOR THIS PURPOSE.

VOTED: That the sum of \$100,000 be transferred from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept an Equal Education Opportunity Grant of \$214,974.00 on behalf of the Palmer Public Schools, such funding made available under Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985, State of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 70A, Sections 1-6, or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION ON THIS ARTICLE.

VOTED: That the Town accept an Equal Education Opportunity Grant of \$214,974.00 on behalf of the Palmer Public Schools, such funding made available under Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985, State of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 70A, Sections 1-6.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Palmer Historical Commission to sell on the open market, the property owned by the Town of Palmer under the aegis of the Palmer Historical Commission and being described in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4635, Page 252 as follows: Land in Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts as shown on plan "Survey of Property in Palmer, Mass. for Historical Commission of the Town of Palmer, May 22, 1978, Frank A. Meunier & Associates, Inc., Somers, Conn.". said plan being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY: by Mt. Dumplin Road one hundred thirty-one and 31/100 (131.31) feet;  
WESTERLY: by other land of the grantor herein two hundred four and 95/100 (204.95) feet;  
NORTHERLY: again by other land of the grantor herein one hundred twenty-seven and 72/100 (127.72) feet;  
EASTERLY: again by other land of the grantor herein one hundred thirteen and 71/100 (113.71) feet.

Containing 20,116 square feet.

Said real property is conveyed to said Town under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8D as it may hereafter be amended to be managed and being controlled by the Historical Commission of the Town of Palmer for the preservation, promotion and development of the historical assets of said Town.

Said real property being part of the premises conveyed to the grantor herein by Joseph J. Battaglia under Trust Agreement dated December 1, 1975 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4234, Page 198.

The proceeds from the sale to be placed in the Historical Commission fund to be used for acquisition of artifacts and the furthering of the Commission goals, or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION ON THIS ARTICLE.

VOTED: That the Palmer Historical Commission be, and they are hereby authorized to sell on the open market, the property owned by the Town of Palmer under the aegis of the Palmer Historical Commission and being described in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4635, Page 252 as follows: Land in Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts as shown on plan "Survey of Property in Palmer, Mass. for Historical Commission of the Town of Palmer, May 22, 1978, Frank A. Meunier & Associates, Inc., Somers, Conn.", said plan being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

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ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept a parcel of land from the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce and described in Plan 2005 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 1978, Page 34, as follows:

A certain parcel of land situated in the Village of Three Rivers, Town of Palmer, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin in the westerly line of Lariviere Street, also known as River Street, at the northeasterly corner of a twenty (20) foot right of way separating the parcel herein described from land of Cleophas R. Potvin; thence running northerly along the westerly line of said Lariviere Street fifty-five (55) feet to a stake; thence turning at a right angle and running westerly one hundred fifteen (115) feet, more or less, to the easterly bank of the Swift River; thence running southerly along the easterly bank of said Swift River to the northerly line of the right of way above-mentioned; thence turning and running easterly in a line of said right of way one hundred twenty-four (124) feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

Together with a right in common with others to use of the twenty (20) foot right of way from said Lariviere Street to the Swift River,

or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION ON THIS ARTICLE.

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Together with a right in common with others to use of the twenty (20) foot right of way from said Lariviere Street to the Swift River.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept two parcels of land from the Three Rivers Fire District and described as follows:

PARCEL 1. The land in Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts being known and designated as Lot A as shown on a plan recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 248, Page 66, said lot being bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY by the northerly portion of Quaboag Street and other land, a total distance of ninety-one (91.00) feet;

WESTERLY by other land as shown on said plan, eighty-three (83) feet, more or less;

NORTHERLY by the Quaboag River as shown on said plan, one hundred forty (140) feet, more or less;

EASTERLY by Lot B as shown on said plan, one hundred thirty-two (132) feet, more or less.

Containing 12,400+- square feet.

PARCEL 2. The land in Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being known and designated as Lot G as shown on a plan recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 248, Page 66, said lot being bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY by the northerly portion of Cheney Street, six hundred ninety (690) feet;

WESTERLY by the easterly portion of Quaboag Street, twenty (20) feet;

NORTHERLY by Lots B, C, D, E, F, a total distance of six hundred ninety (690) feet;

EASTERLY by the westerly portion of Lot F, twenty (20) feet.

Both parcels being a portion of the land as described in deed recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 1787, Page 256,

or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION ON THIS ARTICLE.

VOTED: That the Town accept two parcels of land from the Three Rivers Fire District and described as follows:

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EASTERLY by the westerly portion of Lot F, twenty (20) feet.

Both parcels being a portion of the land as described in deed recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 1787, Page 256.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By Laws by revising Section 171.1 by creating an additional definition in the following respect:

"Rooming House, Inn, and Bed & Breakfast - One or more rooms designed, occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters for one roomer or boarder with sleeping facilities",, or take any action relative thereto.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION ON THIS ARTICLE.

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By Laws by revising Section 171.1 by creating an additional definition in the following respect:

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ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By Laws of the Town of Palmer by creating Section 171.43 as follows:

#### 171.43 PARKING REQUIREMENTS

##### A. General Requirements-

For the uses herein set forth, motor vehicles parking accommodations shall be provided on the same lot and located in the same zoning district as the principal building as follows. (Note: these provisions shall not apply to any existing building or uses at the time this bylaw is passed unless an addition is constructed or a change in use occurs.

(1) A parking space shall be 162 square feet (9'x18') exclusive of maneuvering area and reasonable access.	
(2) Single and Multifamily dwellings	2 spaces per dwelling unit
(3) Housing for the elderly (i.e. dwellings designed for and occupied exclusively by persons 60 years of age and older.)	1/2 space per unit
(4) Convalescent and Nursing Homes	1 space per 2 beds
(5) Motels, Hotels and Inns	1 1/4 spaces per unit. (Note: any other permitted use associated with a motel shall be provided with additional parking accommodations as required herein.)
(6) Professional, business, insurance offices and banks	One space per 150 square feet of gross floor area exclusive of basements and garages used solely for utility and storage purposes.
(7) Rooming House and Bed & Breakfast	1 1/4 spaces per room
(8) Retail establishments, service, convenience and repair enterprises	1 space per 200 square feet of gross floor area exclusive of basements and garages used solely for utility and storage purposes.
(9) Restaurants, taverns and other eating places	1 space per 4 seats

(10) Medical and dental offices and office buildings	1 space per 200 square feet of gross floor area exclusive of basements and garages used solely for utility and storage purposes.
(11) Industrial, Manufacturing, Warehouse and Wholesale uses	1 space per 2 employees of the two largest shifts combined and customarily employed on the premises
(12) Auditoriums, theaters, stadiums and arenas	1 space per 4 seats
(13) Museums, libraries	1 space per 300 square feet of gross floor area
(14) Plans submitted for uses exempted from the requirements of this section shall indicate required spaces and reasonable access thereto.	

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE ACTION ON THIS ARTICLE.

VOTED: To amend the Zoning By Laws of the Town of Palmer by creating Section 171.43 as follows:

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**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 1989, or take any action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the following sums of money be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year 1989.

1.	<u>MODERATOR SALARY</u>	172
<u>SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT:</u>		
2.	Salaries	7,222
3.	<u>Salary of Executive Secretary</u>	31,500 <i>Beverly Fawcett</i>
4.	Clerical	11,880
5.	Other Expenses	15,175
6.	Contingent	900
		66,677
<u>ACCOUNTANT'S DEPARTMENT:</u>		
7.	<u>Salary of Town Accountant</u>	26,229 <i>Carol Sogner</i>
8.	Clerical	15,084
9.	Other Expenses	1,775
		43,088
<u>TREASURER:</u>		
10.	<u>Salary</u>	28,000 <i>Irene Brozek</i>
11.	Clerical	25,352
12.	Other Expenses	17,800
		71,152
<u>COLLECTOR:</u>		
13.	<u>Salary</u>	28,000
14.	Clerical	29,241
15.	Other Expenses	14,730
		71,971
<u>TOWN CLERK:</u>		
16.	<u>Salary/Clerk, Bd. of Registrars</u>	28,600 <i>Pat Donovan</i>
17.	Clerical	15,078
18.	Other Expenses	4,375
		48,053
<u>ELECTION &amp; REGISTRATION:</u>		
19.	Registrars' Salaries	3,067
20.	Clerical	6,006
21.	Other Expenses	26,750
22.	Equipment	400
		36,223

	<u>ASSESSORS:</u>	
23.	Salaries	6,879
24.	Clerical	39,434
25.	Other Expenses	10,000
26.	Aerial Mapping	45,000
27.	Contracted Services-Revaluation	<u>39,800</u> 141,113
	<u>LAW &amp; CLAIMS:</u>	
28.	Salary of Town Counsel	5,057
29.	Other Expenses	2,000
30.	Special Legal Services	2,000
31.	Associate Town Counsel	<u>3,000</u> 12,057
	<u>LICENSE COMMISSIONERS:</u>	
32.	Salary of Clerk	402
33.	Expenses	<u>1,100</u> 1,502
	<u>MEMORIAL HALL:</u>	
34.	Salary of Custodian	4,325
35.	Other Expenses	<u>3,950</u> 8,275
	<u>PALMER TOWN BUILDING:</u>	
36.	Custodial Services	11,700
37.	Other Expenses	<u>18,545</u> 30,245
	<u>ENGINEERING:</u>	
38.	Town Engineer's Salary	7,584
39.	Consulting Engineer	<u>20,000</u> 27,584
	<u>FINANCE:</u>	
40.	Salary of Recording Secretary	2,009
41.	Other Expenses	<u>2,875</u> 4,884
	<u>PLANNING BOARD:</u>	
42.	Salary of Administrative Assistant	<u>15,536</u>
	of Zoning Boards	
43.	Other Expenses	9,075
44.	House Numbering	<u>300</u> 24,911
	<u>BOARD OF APPEALS:</u>	
45.	Recording Secretary	344
46.	Expenses	<u>1,225</u> 1,569
	<u>PERSONNEL BOARD:</u>	
47.	Clerk	500
48.	Expenses	<u>250</u> 750
	<u>COUNCIL ON AGING:</u>	
49.	Director's Salary	15,452
50.	Drivers	<u>12,115</u> → 14,097. (+1982)
51.	Expenses	<u>3,216</u> 30,783 → 32,765
	<u>PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:</u>	
52.	Expenses	1,850
	<u>TOTAL FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	622,859 → 624,841.

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

	<u>POLICE DEPARTMENT:</u>	
53.	Salaries	647,346
54.	Other Expenses	53,465
55.	Cruisers	26,199
56.	Equipment	<u>440</u> 727,450

	<u>AUXILIARY POLICE:</u>	
57.	Expenses	1,400
	<u>CIVIL DEFENSE:</u>	
58.	Salary	649
59.	Expenses	100
	<u>FOREST WARDEN</u>	
60.	Salary	2,973
61.	Other Expenses	1,345
62.	Out-of-District Fires	4,000
	<u>FORESTRY:</u>	
63.	Labor	1,264
64.	Other Expenses	6,400
65.	Dutch Elm Disease	4,793
66.	Insect Pest Control	1,000
	<u>SEALER:</u>	
67.	Salary	2,064
68.	Expenses	575
	<u>DOG OFFICER:</u>	
69.	Salary/Court-time	2,897
70.	Assistant Dog Officer	500
71.	Other Expenses	10,536
72.	Equipment	3,000
	<u>GAS INSPECTOR:</u>	
73.	Salary and Expenses	430
	<u>TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS</u>	
74.		182
	<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION:</u>	
75.	Clerical	1,500
76.	Expenses	2,944
	<u>WIRE INSPECTOR:</u>	
77.	Salary and Expenses	5,060
	<u>HISTORICAL COMMISSION:</u>	
78.	Expenses	2,000
	<u>BUILDING INSPECTOR:</u>	
79.	Salary and Expenses	20,800
	<u>PARKING CLERK:</u>	
80.	Expenses	1,500
	<u>RENT CONTROL BOARD:</u>	
81.	Expenses	100
	<u>TOTAL FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY</u>	805,462
	<u>HEALTH AND SANITATION</u>	
	<u>BOARD OF HEALTH:</u>	
82.	Salaries	3,441
83.	Health Agent's Salary	1,586
84.	Other Expenses	12,175
	<u>MILK INSPECTION:</u>	
85.	Salary and Expenses	483

86.	<u>ANIMAL INSPECTION:</u> Salary and Expenses	1,263
87.	<u>VERMIN CONTROL:</u> Salary	596
88.	<u>VITAL STATISTICS:</u>	500
89.	<u>PALMER VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION:</u>	14,500
90.	<u>PLUMBING INSPECTOR:</u> Salary	5,000
91.	Expenses	<u>500</u>
92.	<u>HOME CARE CORPORATION</u>	1,200
93.	<u>SANITARY LANDFILL:</u> Salaries	26,892
94.	Contracted Services	101,800
95.	Other Expenses	2,315
96.	Equipment	1,450
97.	Repairs	500
98.	Cover Material	<u>71,400</u>
		(204,357)
99.	<u>SEWER TRUNKMAIN CLEANING:</u>	3,000
100.	<u>GENERAL SEWER MAINTENANCE:</u>	13,666
101.	<u>WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:</u> Salaries	265,467
102.	Expenses	339,650
103.	Equipment	<u>20,700</u>
		(625,817)
	<u>TOTAL FOR HEALTH AND SANITATION</u>	888,084

	<u>HIGHWAYS</u>	
104.	<u>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:</u> Salaries	(338,438)
105.	General Highway Maintenance	68,425
106.	Street Signs & Traffic Regulations	7,250
107.	Highway Equipment & Repairs	17,500
108.	Maintenance of Railroad Crossings	3,000
109.	Bridge Maintenance	100
110.	General Sidewalk Maintenance	4,300
111.	Surface Treatment	39,086
112.	Snow Removal	<u>40,000</u>
113.	Street Sweeper - To be transferred from Available Funds in the Treasury	91,000
114.	Street Lighting	<u>79,000</u>
	<u>TOTAL FOR HIGHWAYS - FROM TAXATION</u>	(597,099)
	<u>FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE TREASURY</u>	91,000

	<u>VETERANS' DEPARTMENT</u>	
	<u>VETERANS:</u>	
115.	Veterans' Agent Salary	6,416
116.	Veterans' Benefits	43,250
117.	Veterans' Other Expenses	<u>1,650</u>
	<u>TOTAL FOR VETERANS' DEPARTMENT</u>	51,316

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

118.	PUBLIC SCHOOLS - SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE	5,717,004	→ 5,817,004.
119.	PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL		
	HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	612,603	
120.	PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY	238,608	
	<b>TOTAL FOR EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES</b>	<b>6,568,215</b>	→ <b>6,668,215.</b>

PARKS, RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS

	<u>PARKS:</u>		
121.	Salaries	120,413	
122.	Equipment	18,500	
123.	Other Expenses	21,400	
124.	Pee Wee Park Maintenance	<u>1,600</u>	161,913
125.	<b>NICK LAVIOLETTE PARK:</b>		1,600
	<u>RECREATION:</u>		
136.	Salaries	21,800	
137.	Other Expenses	<u>11,925</u>	33,725
138.	<b>MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE:</b>		2,500
	<b>TOTAL FOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS</b>		<b>199,738</b>

CEMETERIES

	<u>CEMETERIES:</u>		
139.	Labor	48,973	
140.	Salary of Secretary	2,552	
141.	Other Expenses	11,975	
	Less: Transfer from sale of Cemetery Lots		
	Account.	<u>2,500</u>	
142.	To be raised by Taxation	9,475	
	Equipment	<u>22,995</u>	
	<b>TOTAL FOR CEMETERIES</b>		<b>83,995</b>

PENSIONS

143.	<b>COUNTY RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT:</b>	257,898
144.	<b>RETIREMENT, Leo J. Santucci:</b>	23,494
145.	<b>RETIREMENT, Stanley J. Strzeminski:</b>	9,504
	<b>TOTAL FOR PENSIONS</b>	<b>290,896</b>

INSURANCE

	<u>INSURANCE:</u>		
146.	General Insurance/Deductible	269,825	
147.	Group Health Insurance	230,000	
148.	Group Life Insurance	2,650	
149.	Unemployment	<u>15,000</u>	
	<b>TOTAL FOR INSURANCE</b>	<b>517,475</b>	

UNCLASSIFIED

150.	Town Reports	4,000
151.	Medicare Tax	6,500
152.	Hazardous Waste Account	<u>600</u>

TOTAL FOR UNCLASSIFIED 11,100

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBTINTEREST:

153.	Tax Anticipation Note	65,000
154.	Three Rivers Flood Control	550
155.	Palmer Industrial Park Urban Renewal	31,500
156.	Wastewater Treatment Facilities	56,325
157.	Abated Taxes	2,000
158.	Purchase & Renovation of New Library Building	138
159.	Calkins Road Sewer Project	14,500
160.	Lake Thompson Sewer Project	45,000
161.	Computer	6,000
162.	Construction & Reconstruction of Sewers	<u>11,300</u>

TOTAL INTEREST 232,313

PRINCIPAL:

163.	Three Rivers Flood Control	5,000
164.	Palmer Industrial Park Urban Renewal	125,000
165.	Wastewater Treatment Facilities	85,500
166.	Purchase of Library	5,000
167.	Calkins Road Sewer Project	<u>10,000</u>

TOTAL PRINCIPAL 230,500

TOTAL - ARTICLE 30 11,190,052

ARTICLE-APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Item	Expended FY86	Expended FY87	Approp. FY88	Recommended FY89
MODERATOR:	150	159	164	172
SELECTMEN:				
Salaries	6,300	6,678	6,878	7,222
Clerical	4,720	10,281	11,532	11,880
Other Expenses	12,811	14,642	13,565	15,175
Contingent Account	359	898	900	900
Executive Secretary				31,500
ACCOUNTANT/EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:				
Salary	22,880	24,253	25,461	26,229
Clerical	8,018	11,848	14,638	15,084
Other Expenses	1,502	960	1,180	1,775
TREASURER:				
Salary	20,299	21,517	22,589	28,000
Clerical	16,359	21,759	22,791	25,352
Other Expenses	9,444	14,701	18,000	17,800
Tax Title Foreclosures	10			
COLLECTOR:				
Salary	20,299	21,517	22,589	28,000
Clerical	23,163	27,040	28,385	29,241
Other Expenses	11,897	11,532	13,520	14,730
TOWN CLERK:				
Salary & Clerk, Bd. of Regis.	20,649	21,867	22,939	28,600
Clerical	12,300	13,942	14,636	15,078
Other Expenses	5,039	3,844	4,200	4,375
ELECTION & REGISTRATION:				
Registrars' Salaries/Clerical	2,675	2,836	8,221	9,073
Other Expenses	10,613	17,320	20,000	26,750
Equipment			10,832	400
ASSESSORS:				
Salaries	6,000	5,599	6,551	6,879
Clerical	22,315	26,617	27,944	39,434
Other Expenses	8,679	8,182	10,000	10,000
Contracted Services - Revaluation of Properties	900	96,550		39,800
Aerial Mapping				45,000
LAW AND CLAIMS:				
Salary of Town Counsel	4,410	4,675	4,816	5,057
Other Expenses	1,412	1,649	2,000	2,000
Special Legal Services	1,871	1,875	2,000	2,000
Associate Town Counsel				3,000
LICENSE COMMISSIONERS:				
Clerical	350	371	383	402
Expenses	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,100

Item	Expended FY86	Expended FY87	Approp. FY88	Recommended FY89
<b>MEMORIAL HALL:</b>				
Salary of Custodian	3,773	3,999	4,119	4,325
Other Expenses	3,333	3,437	4,040	3,950
<b>PALMER TOWN BUILDING:</b>				
Salary of Custodian	5,575	5,943	6,122	
Other Expenses	17,368	17,641	18,095	18,545
Custodial Services		1,425		11,700
<b>ENGINEERS:</b>				
Town Engineer's Salary	6,615	7,012	7,223	7,584
Consulting Engineer	9,224	28,224	6,000	20,000
<b>FINANCE:</b>				
Salary of Recording Secretary	600	636	1,913	2,009
Salary of Clerk	903	228		
Other Expenses	711	804	3,400	2,875
<b>PLANNING BOARD:</b>				
Admin. Asst. to Zoning Bds. & Bldg. Dept.	11,242	13,033	15,081	15,536
Other Expenses	3,846	5,228	5,800	9,075
House Numbering				300
<b>BOARD OF APPEALS:</b>				
Expenses	1,674	1,585	1,143	344
Recording Secretary	300	318	328	1,225
<b>PERSONNEL BOARD:</b>				
Expenses	139	-0-	250	250
Clerk				500
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING:</b>				
Director	11,061	11,500	15,000	15,452
Drivers		10,757	11,538	12,115
Expenses	8,311	2,713	2,902	3,216
<b>PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:</b>				
Expenses	1,500	1,834	2,050	1,850
<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>342,649</b>	<b>510,479</b>	<b>442,768</b>	<b>622,859</b>

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
Salaries	466,436	593,949	645,568	647,346
Other Expenses	49,474	52,129	51,587	53,465
Cruisers		21,611	24,150	26,199
Equipment	22,644	14,176	2,049	440
<b>AUXILIARY POLICE:</b>				
Expenses	1,399	1,008	1,400	1,400

Item	Expended FY86	Expended FY87	Approp. FY88	Recommended FY89
<b>CIVIL DEFENSE:</b>				
Salary	566	600	618	649
Expenses	100	88	100	100
<b>FOREST WARDEN:</b>				
Salary	2,592	2,748	2,831	2,973
Other Expenses	1,131	466	1,545	1,345
Out-of-District Fires	2,577	3,943	3,000	4,000
Equipment		1,998		
<b>FORESTRY DEPARTMENT:</b>				
Labor	1,102	1,168	1,204	1,264
Other Expenses	6,291	5,359	5,400	6,400
Dutch Elm Disease	4,735	1,225	4,793	4,793
Insect Pest Control	1,423	719	1,500	1,000
<b>SEALER:</b>				
Salary	1,714	1,908	1,966	2,064
Other Expenses	827	70	875	575
<b>DOG OFFICER:</b>				
Salary/Court Time	1,728	1,832	2,783	2,897
Other Expenses	8,457	9,350	8,530	10,536
Assistant Dog Officer				500
Equipment				3,000
<b>GAS INSPECTOR:</b>				
Salary & Expenses	356	351	412	430
<b>TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS:</b>	165	175	175	182
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION:</b>				
Clerical	300	318	1,000	1,500
Expenses	976	954	1,660	2,944
<b>WIRE INSPECTOR:</b>				
Salary & Expenses	3,050	4,976	3,060	5,060
<b>HISTORICAL COMMISSION:</b>				
Expenses	244	562	800	2,000
<b>RENT CONTROL BOARD:</b>	-0-	-0-	200	100
<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR:</b>				
Salary & Expenses	11,300	13,266	11,000	20,800
<b>PARKING CLERK:</b>				
Salary & Expenses	1,165	2,016	1,000	1,500
<b>TOTAL FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY</b>	<b>590,752</b>	<b>736,965</b>	<b>779,206</b>	<b>805,462</b>

Item	Expended FY86	Expended FY87	Approp. FY88	Recommended FY89
<b>HEALTH AND SANITATION</b>				
BOARD OF HEALTH:				
Salaries	3,000	3,180	3,276	3,441
Health Agent's Salary	1,357	1,466	1,510	1,586
Other Expenses	5,946	7,348	7,900	12,175
MILK INSPECTION:				
Salary & Expenses	431	452	464	483
ANIMAL INSPECTION:				
Salary & Expenses	1,102	1,168	1,203	1,263
VITAL STATISTICS:				
	432	441	500	500
PALMER VISITING NURSE ASSOC.	14,450	14,500	14,500	14,500
VERMIN CONTROL:				
Salary & Expenses	794	917	568	596
PLUMBING INSPECTOR:				
Salary	3,447	4,497	1,500	5,000
Expenses			500	500
HOME CARE CORPORATION:	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
SANITARY LANDFILL:				
Salaries	12,230	14,758	15,590	26,892
Contracted Services	54,000	91,499	96,000	101,800
Other Expenses	496	1,534	800	2,315
Equipment & Repairs				1,950
Cover Material				71,400
SEWER TRUNKMAIN CLEANING:	2,934	2,950	3,000	3,000
GENERAL SEWER MAINTENANCE:	12,920	10,332	13,666	13,666
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:				
Salaries	152,718	178,768	215,845	265,467
Expenses	287,541	258,649	297,950	339,650
Equipment	15,148	33,907	3,000	20,700
TOTAL FOR HEALTH AND SANITATION	570,146	627,566	678,972	888,084
<b>HIGHWAYS</b>				
HIGHWAYS:				
Salaries	236,072	241,306	307,531	338,438
General Highway Maintenance	64,820	49,243	67,865	68,425
Street Signs & Traffic Regulations	5,893	5,743	6,290	7,250
Highway Equipment & Repairs	29,462	4,450	10,500	17,500

Item	Expended FY86	Expended FY87	Approp. FY88	Recommended FY89
Maintenance of Railroad Crossings	2,850	2,943	3,000	3,000
Bridge Maintenance	95	-0-	100	100
General Sidewalk Maintenance	3,484	2,879	4,300	4,300
Surface Treatment	31,479	20,567	38,406	39,086
Snow Removal	38,116	36,435	38,000	40,000
Street Lighting	74,714	71,856	76,000	79,000
Street Sweeper-To be transferred from Available Funds				91,000
<b>TOTAL FOR HIGHWAYS:</b>	<b>486,985</b>	<b>435,422</b>	<b>551,992</b>	<b>688,099</b>

#### VETERANS' DEPARTMENT

##### VETERANS'

Veterans' Agent	5,249	5,886	6,110	6,416
Veterans' Benefits	45,072	23,685	43,250	43,250
Veterans' Expenses	1,010	1,019	1,650	1,650

**TOTAL FOR VETERANS'  
DEPARTMENT**

<b>51,331</b>	<b>30,590</b>	<b>51,010</b>	<b>51,316</b>
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#### EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

PUBLIC SCHOOLS	4,615,810	4,811,905	5,393,001	5,717,004
PATHFINDER REGIONAL	532,485	574,957	616,476	612,603
PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY	181,956	196,212	224,492	238,608

**TOTAL FOR EDUCATION  
AND LIBRARIES**

<b>5,330,251</b>	<b>5,583,074</b>	<b>6,233,969</b>	<b>6,568,215</b>
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#### PARKS, RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS

##### PARKS:

Salaries	89,199	103,815	117,539	120,413
Equipment	16,569	11,903	10,800	18,500
Other Expenses	18,644	16,497	19,200	21,400
Pee Wee Park Maintenance	1,595	1,579	1,600	1,600

**NICK LAVIOLETTE PARK:**

1,539	1,588	1,600	1,600
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##### RECREATION:

Salaries	15,698	20,815	20,758	21,800
Other Expenses	10,523	8,560	11,550	11,925

**MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE:**

2,196	2,978	2,500	2,500
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**TOTAL FOR PARKS, RECREATION  
AND CELEBRATIONS**

<b>155,963</b>	<b>167,735</b>	<b>185,547</b>	<b>199,738</b>
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Item	Expended FY86	Expended FY87	Approp. FY88	Recommended FY89
<b>CEMETERIES:</b>				
Labor	44,147	43,757	45,807	48,973
Salary of Secretary	2,226	2,360	2,431	2,552
Other Expenses	8,661	7,944	9,325	11,975
Equipment	17,430	5,243	6,070	22,995
<b>TOTAL FOR CEMETERIES</b>	<b>72,464</b>	<b>59,304</b>	<b>63,633</b>	<b>86,495</b>
<b>PENSIONS</b>				
COUNTY RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	218,521	235,612	235,492	257,898
RETIREMENT, LEO J. SANTUCCI	22,294	22,694	23,094	23,494
RETIREMENT, STANLEY STRZEMIENSKI	8,304	8,704	9,104	9,504
<b>TOTAL FOR PENSIONS</b>	<b>249,119</b>	<b>267,010</b>	<b>267,690</b>	<b>290,896</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
<b>INSURANCE:</b>				
General Insurance	153,427	174,332	264,825	269,825
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	89,866	99,148	105,000	230,000
Group Life Insurance	2,442	2,411	2,600	2,650
Unemployment	7,447	6,360	15,000	15,000
Medicare		2,802		
<b>TOTAL FOR INSURANCE</b>	<b>253,182</b>	<b>285,053</b>	<b>387,425</b>	<b>517,475</b>
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>				
TOWN REPORTS	3,771	4,165	3,500	4,000
MEDICARE TAX				6,500
HAZARDOUS WASTE ACCOUNT				600
<b>TOTAL FOR UNCLASSIFIED</b>	<b>3,771</b>	<b>4,165</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>11,100</b>

Item	Expended FY86	Expended FY87	Approp. FY88	Recommended - FY89
<b>INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT</b>				
<b>INTEREST:</b>				
Tax Anticipation Notes	25,488	6,191	25,000	65,000
Three Rivers Flood Control	1,375	1,100	825	550
Palmer Industrial Park				
Urban Renewal	50,750	44,250	37,750	31,500
Wastewater Treatment				
Facilities	85,963	78,698	75,425	56,325
Abated Taxes	-0-	-0-	2,000	2,000
Purchase & Renovation				
of New Library Building	4,125	1,925	550	138
Calkins Road Sewer Project	16,565	13,714	10,500	14,500
Lake Thompson Sewer Project		23,928	50,000	45,000
Computer				6,000
Constr. & Reconstr. of Sewers				11,300
<b>TOTAL INTEREST</b>	<b>184,266</b>	<b>169,806</b>	<b>202,050</b>	<b>232,313</b>
<b>PRINCIPAL:</b>				
Three Rivers Flood Control	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Palmer Industrial Park				
Urban Renewal	130,000	130,000	125,000	125,000
Wastewater Treatment				
Facilities	85,400	85,500	85,500	85,500
Renovation of Library	30,000	30,000		
Purchase of Library	10,000	10,000	10,000	5,000
Calkins Rd. Sewer Project	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
<b>TOTAL PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>270,400</b>	<b>270,500</b>	<b>235,500</b>	<b>230,500</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8,561,279</b>	<b>9,147,669</b>	<b>10,083,262</b>	<b>11,192,552</b>
<b>LESS TRANSFERS:</b>				
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING	240,000	225,000	7,625	
STATE AID TO FREE LIBRARIES	5,695	5,695		
SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	2,500	1,500	2,500	2,500
<b>AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>				<b>91,000</b>
	<b>8,313,084</b>	<b>8,915,474</b>	<b>10,073,137</b>	<b>11,099,052</b>







**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF PALMER  
AND OF THE  
Receipts and Expenditures  
FOR THE**

**Year Ending December 31, 1987**



## FACTS ABOUT PALMER

SETTLED	1716
INCORPORATED AS A DISTRICT	1752
ACCEPTED AS A TOWN	1776
LOCATION	About 15 miles east of Springfield on Route 20
HIGHEST ELEVATION	Mt. Pattaquatic, 1080 feet
POPULATION	11,327 (State Census-1985)
FORM OF GOVERNMENT	Town Meeting
TAX RATE—FY—1987	
TOWN	13.70
FIRE DISTRICT TAX	
Fire District #1	1.52
Fire District #2	1.65
Fire District #3	3.30
Fire District #4	1.35
NUMBER OF DWELLINGS	Approximately 3,262
PROPERTY VALUATION	307,255,910
AREA	Approximately: Land 20,110.0 acres; water, 457.5 acres, total 20,568.4 acres, 32.14 sq. miles.
STREETS AND HIGHWAYS	About 150 miles
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	Three elementary at Palmer, one each at Three Rivers, Thorndike and Bondsville. High School at Palmer
FIRE PROTECTION	Well equipped and established fire stations at Walnut Street, Palmer with a 39 member call force and one full-time firefighter headed by Chief Gus A. Theodore (Civil Service). Springfield Street, Three Rivers with a 26 member call force headed by Chief Thomas J. McLaughlin. Main Street, Bondsville with a 22 member call force headed by Chief John Sullivan.
POLICE	Well-established 16-member force headed by Chief of Police, Howard E. Case.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Legion Field, Eager Playground, Burleigh Park, Nick Laviollette Park, Three Rivers plus playground and recreational equipment at Three Rivers Common, Thorndike Grammar School and Endelson Playground, Bondsville.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

North Main St., Palmer

GOVERNMENTAL DISTRICT  
AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE  
TOWN OF PALMER

**UNITED STATES SENATORS**

John F. Kerry, Lowell  
Edward M. Kennedy, Boston

**COUNCILLOR**

Seventh Councillor District  
James D. O'Brien, Jr.

**STATE SENATOR**

Worcester, Hampden, Franklin  
and  
Hampshire Senatorial District  
Robert D. Wetmore

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

First Hampden Representative District  
Patrick Landers III, Palmer

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

Edward P. Boland

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Thomas J. O'Connor  
Richard S. Thomas  
Leonard J. Collamore

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Matthew J. Ryan, Jr. Springfield

**TOWN OFFICERS 1987  
(elective)**

**TOWN CLERK**

Patricia C. Donovan Term expires 1988

**TOWN TREASURER**

Irene T. Brozek Term expires 1990

**COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

Stephen J. Dranka Term expires 1989

**SELECTMEN**

Theodore M. Kellogg Term Expires 1989  
Mary A. Fogarty Term expires 1988  
Harold L. Olson Term expires 1990

**ASSESSORS**

Alvin C. Rondeau, Chairman Term expires 1990  
Stanley J. Swiatlowski Term expires 1988  
Mary E. Nagle Term expires 1989

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

David Droz, Chairman Term expires 1988  
James Longtine Term expires 1989  
Robert S. Dupuis Term expires 1989  
Paul S. Brozek Term expires 1990  
James St. Amand Term expires 1990

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Frederick J. Lis, Chairman Term expires 1990  
Maurice R. LePage, D.S.C. Term expires 1988  
Rose Tyburski Term expires 1989

**CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

Robert G. Faulkner, Chairman Term expires 1990  
Frederick C. Olsön Term expires 1988  
Richard Laviollette Term expires 1989

**LICENSE COMMISSIONERS**

Lawrence M. Jasak Term expires 1988  
Joseph Russell Term expires 1989  
Leon Wlodyka Term expires 1990

## PLANNING BOARD

Joseph Miarecki, Chairman	Term expires 1992
Joseph E. Slowick	Term expires 1988
Michael Marciniec	Term expires 1989
Wayne Degon	Term expires 1990
Stephen Masley	Term expires 1991

## PARK COMMISSIONERS, 1 year

Michael Burns, Chairman

Dean McKee	David H. Benedetti
Walter A. Pluta	Michael Moynahan

## PALMER HOUSING AUTHORITY

Charles F. Abbate	August 25, 1989
State member (appointed)	
Rev. Guy Judkins	Term expires 1988
Richard E. Fontaine	Term expires 1989
Veronica A. Strzemienski	Term expires 1990
William J. Lemanski	Term expires 1992

## PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Dr. Ronald Laviolette	Term expires 1988
Michael J. Cavanaugh	Term expires 1990

## PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Neil M. McDonald, Chairman	Term expires 1988
Mary C. Krawiec, Vice Chairman	Term expires 1992
Thomas W. Haley	Term expires 1991
Richard C. Taylor *	May 18, 1987
Frank G. Real, Jr. **	Term expires 1990

## MODERATOR, 1 Year

Edward Noonan

\* It is with regret that we note the passing of Richard C. Taylor.

\*\* Appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Richard C. Taylor.

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

### ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Louis S. Jacek

### BOARD OF APPEALS

Dr. William Riley	1988
Joseph W. Topor, Jr.	1988
Marvin Magoni, Alternate	1988
Mitchell L. Dobek	1988
Dr. Charles Labuz, Alternate	1989
Gorden R. Dean	1990
Peter P. Gauthier	1990

### BUILDING INSPECTOR

Richard Rollet

### ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR

John L. Worthing

### CABLEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

George Backus	Estelle Lavoie
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### CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Edward Jasak

### ASSISTANT CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTORS

Gus A. Theodore	Helena Jalbert
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### COMPUTERIZATION STUDY COMMITTEE

John Theophane	Keith Parent
James Pasquill	Kathleen Stahelski
Christine Miarecki	Susan Bussell

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Harry Johnson	1988
Jane Golas	1988
Andrew S. Roman (Resigned 9/8/87)	1989
David E. Johnson	1989
Daniel Coates	1989
Doris Goodwin *	1989
Peter Izyk	1990
Donald Duffy	1990

\* Appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Andrew S. Roman.

### CONSTABLES

Edward S. Jasak	Daniel A. Janulewicz
Henry S. Janasiewicz	Earl A. Benoit

### COUNCIL ON AGING

Elizabeth S. Kolbusz	1988
Kenneth C. Roberge	1988
Alfred Carlson	1988
Kenneth Supernaw	1989

Frank Zabawa	1989
Mary St. John	1989
Rose Tyburski—Home Care Observer	1989
Nathan J. Sheldon	1990
Regina Schlesinger	1990
Christine Stockmal	1990
Doris Pelletier (Resigned 1 1/10/87)	1990
Francis Riel*	1990

\* Appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Doris Pelletier.

<b>COURT PROSECUTOR</b>	Charles Ksieniewicz
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<b>CUSTODIAN, MEMORIAL HALL</b>	John Kusha
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<b>DOG OFFICER</b>	Roger Brodeur
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#### **DOWNTOWN PALMER ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE**

Robert Faulkner	Robert Graveline
George W. Ducomb	Nelson Pease
Doris Nahabedian	Irene Michonski
Thomas Graveline	June Bacon

#### **FENCE VIEWERS**

Jack W. Lynch	Richard C. Sheehan
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#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Steven Cormier, Chairman	1988
John Chmura	1988
John Vdovjak	1988
James T. Duke	1988
Claire Calkins	1989
Bernice L. Hitchcock	1989
Susan Durocher	1989
Paul Davini	1989
Richard Zina	1989
Ferdinand H. Novicki	1990
James Haley	1990

#### **FUTURE NEEDS STUDY COMMITTEE**

John J. Egan	David Short
Mary A. Fogarty	Robert Blanchard
John Martin	Richard Smith
Thomas Haley	Neil McDonald
Robert C. Taylor (deceased 5/18/87)	

<b>FOREST WARDEN</b>	Gus Theodore
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<b>GAS INSPECTOR</b>	Gary F. Stahelski
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#### **GROUND WATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

John Sasur, Chairman	Nicholas A. Zeo, Jr.
Jane E. Golas	Charles M. Henegar

## HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR

Gary Doane

Jeffrey Jambora

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Daniel V. Fogarty, Jr.	1988
Sandra Nichols	1988
Jane E. Golas	1989
Marion P. Lis	1989
Harold L. Olson	1989
Marion Johnson (Resigned 12/15/87)	1990
Monica Graveline (Resigned 8/25/87)	1990
Stephen Nowak*	1990
Mary Bernat**	1990

\* Appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Monica Graveline.

\*\* Appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Marion Johnson.

## HOUSE NUMBERER

Catherine Nichols	1989	Richard Sheehan	1989
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## INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

Theodore N. Bonnayer	1989
Ronald P. Masnicki (Resigned 11/24/87)	1990
Stephanie G. Lesniewski	1991

## INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Carol A. Sugrue	Bonny B. Rathbone
Howard E. Case, Jr.	Terrance C. Korzek

## INSURANCE BROKERS OF RECORD

Thomas W. Graveline, C.P.C.U., C.I.C.	Joseph A. Kszepka
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KEEPER OF LOCKUP	Howard Case
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## LOCAL ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

Michael R. Bauer	Cecelia A. Nichols
Alphonse E. Murray, Jr.	Sandra Burns
Lillian Skaza	Andrea C. Mayeski
John E. Stolar	

## LOCAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

James M. Ammann	David E. Johnson
Howard E. Case	Dr. Maurice LePage
Michael J. Egan	Albin P. Les
Gus A. Theodore	James A. McLaren
Nicholas A. Zeo, Jr.	

## PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

POLICY ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVE	Jane E. Golas
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**MILK INSPECTOR**

Walter Swiatlowski

**PALMER INDUSTRIAL AND DEVELOPMENT CORP.**

Theodore Bonnayer  
Thomas Haley  
Leo St. Amand

Alexander Tobiasz

Gordon Christiansen  
Walter Krawiec  
Linwood Thompson

**PARK DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT**

Richard Kaczmarczyk

**PARKING CLERK**

Deborah Szostek

**PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Ferdinand Novicki  
Richard Sheehan  
Christine Miarecki  
Dennis Ryan  
Charles F. Corcoran

1988  
1989  
1990  
1990  
1990

**PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Eugene Gancarz

**CHIEF OF POLICE (CIVIL SERVICE)**

Howard E. Case, Jr.

**AUXILIARY POLICE**

Mary Lee Frydryk  
Paul Boissy  
Richard Kszepka  
David Majka  
Rebecca Burger  
Christopher Burns

Edward Murray

Mary Lou Geer  
Ronald Bigda  
Michael Jasak  
Jeffrey Lazarick  
Richard Wahlers  
Raymond Tenczar

**PUBLIC WEIGHERS**

Irene A. Raczka  
Michelle Sniffin  
Philip O'Malley

Ronald Somers

Fred Hugly  
Barbara A. Kerigan  
Ellen Katawicz

**RECODIFICATION OF BY-LAWS**

Richard Smith  
Denise Zawalski (Resigned 11/17/87)  
John Shea (Deceased 11/24/87)\*  
Mary Brodeur\*\*  
Michelle Deschaine (Resigned 11/17/87)

Charles M. Pelczarski  
Scott Haley  
Winsted Stred  
Arlene Shea\*\*\*  
Russell Webb\*\*\*

\* It is with regret that we note the passing of John Shea.

\*\* Appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Denise Zawalski.

\*\*\* Appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Michelle Deschaine.

\*\*\*\*Appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John Shea.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Charles H. Jasak

1988

Thomas Skowyra	1989
Mary E. Nagle	1990
Marion Kozlik	1990
Martha O'Connor	1991
Edwin J. Rehor	1991
Nina Staback, Director	
Dana Marin, Co-Chairman	
James Duke	1992

#### REGISTRARS

Patricia C. Donovan	Permanent
Sonia L. Thompson	1988
Genevieve G. Janosz	1989
Robert R. Canterbury	1990

#### RENT CONTROL BOARD

Richard Sheehan	1988
Denise Bird	1989
Margaret St. Amand	1990

#### SAFETY COMMITTEE

Theresa Coache	Alfred Ziegler
Armand Sangermano	William Nelligan
Walter Chase	William Bouthillier

#### SANITARY LANDFILL CARETAKER

Walter Wozniakowski (Retired)
Richard Sheehan

#### SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Robert Clark

#### SELECTMEN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Carol A. Sugrue

#### STREETS AND HIGHWAYS, SUPERINTENDENT

Edward J. Jusko

#### TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Carol A. Sugrue

#### TOWN AUCTIONEER

Franklin A. Gale

#### TOWN COUNSEL

Charles Ksieniewicz

#### TOWN ENGINEER

Kenneth C. Sherman

#### TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS

Gus A. Theodore	Thomas McLaughlin
John Sullivan	

#### ASSISTANT TREASURER

Nancy L. Dranka

#### TREE WARDEN

Edward J. Jusko

#### VETERANS' AGENT, BURIAL AGENT, GRAVES OFFICER

Beverly Morin

#### WIRE INSPECTOR

Stanley J. Pietryka

#### ASSISTANT WIRE INSPECTOR

Francis Rollet

## **SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Judith Hull (Resigned 9/21/87)  
David Bussell  
Constantine Gralinski  
Catherine Nichols  
Keith Parent  
Dennis Ryan  
Mary Ellen Anton  
Deborah Smola

Paul Davini  
George Nicholas  
Ruth O'Malley  
Deborah Robinson  
John Stolar  
John DiNuovo  
Lawrence Jasak  
Eugene Glabicky\*

Paul Brozek

\* Appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judith Hull.

## **EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Theodore M. Kellogg  
Helena Jalbert  
John Sullivan  
Howard E. Case

Edward Jasak  
Gus A. Theodore  
Thomas McLaughlin  
Gary Doane

Jeffrey Jambora

## **BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

Mary J. Bernat  
James Pasquill

Judith Mercier  
Laura Rollet

Damian Sugrue

## **MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

James M. Pasquill  
Patricia C. Donovan

Harry Johnson  
Carol A. Sugrue

John Gladkowski

## **HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Barbara Blanchard  
Veronica Strzemienski

Judith Murdock  
Joan Bernier

Robert Martin

## **WATER & FIRE DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION STUDY COMMITTEE**

Palmer Santucci, Jr.  
Thomas McLaughlin  
Patrick O'Connor  
John Martins  
Darryl Tyburski  
Patrick Landers, Jr.  
John Sullivan

James Ammann  
John Sasur  
Gus Theodore  
John Vdovjak  
Michael Marciniec  
Gary Pierce  
Jeffrey W. Jambora

Gary Doane

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The beginning of 1987 found the Board of Selectmen faced with a number of relevant issues to be dealt with. Among these issues were the proposed auto transfer, Monson's use of the sanitary landfill, the solid waste disposal dilemma and the separation of the Executive Secretary/Town Accountant position, to name only a few. The Board, once again committed to face these issues with determination, approached the problems at hand with careful consideration of the preservation of the character and rural atmosphere of the community.

Retired Police Chief, Harold Olson, was newly elected to the Board at the Town Election held on April 21, 1987. Ms. Mary A. Fogarty was again elected as clerk of the Board on May 5, 1987 and Mr. Theodore M. Kellogg was elected as Chairman with Mr. Olson assuming the role of Vice Chairman.

Early in the year the town was faced with the possibility of an auto transfer facility being located in nearby Belchertown. Concerns were voiced over possible pollution of well fields and the safety of school children due to increased truck traffic. After consultation with the Belchertown Board of Selectmen, Tighe & Bond and the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering, at which the Board along with other town officials and residents voiced their opposition the proposed auto transfer became a dead issue.

In an effort to prevent further violations of Class II Licenses, the Selectmen requested the Planning Board to develop a set of standards to be followed when applying for a Class II License. An investigation process was formulated which includes inspection of the premises by the Police Department and a site plan preparation. At the meeting of the Board held on July 14, following approval by Town Counsel, the Class II License Standards were adopted. All new Class II License applicants will be obligated to follow these standards.

In January members of the Monson Board of Selectmen appeared before the Board seeking permission for commercial trash haulers, servicing the Town of Monson, to use the Palmer Landfill on a temporary basis at a fee until alternative methods of solid waste disposal could be found for the Town of Monson. A two-month contract was negotiated. After review of the Memorandum of Agreement by Town Counsel, the Monson Board of Selectmen appeared before the Palmer Board on March 3 to sign the document. The close of the year found the Town of Monson no longer using the landfill and the Town of Palmer awaiting payment for the use of the landfill.

The biggest problem faced by the Board was the operation of the sanitary landfill. The life of the present landfill was estimated to be four to five years and the stringent guidelines set by DEQE had to be met; guidelines which included proper compaction, proper cover material placement and monitoring of wells. In an attempt to minimize the cost of operation of the landfill, the possibility of the Town undertaking the operation was discussed. Due to the cost to purchase equipment, labor and insurance, the Board voted to put the operation out to bid. Two bids were received and Ware River Development was awarded the contract.

At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board researched the possibility of separating the Executive Secretary/Town Accountant position. Acting on the request of the Board of Selectmen, the Personnel Advisory Board prepared a job description and salary range. The position was advertised in July and interviews conducted in August. After narrowing the field down to two finalists and following a second interview process, the Board selected Mrs. Beverly A. Lund in December. The Board's goal at this time was to have the new position in place by January of 1988. The Board would like to take this opportunity to express their heartfelt appreciation to Carol A. Sugrue, who served the Board as Executive Secretary/Town Accountant for the past four years. The Board continues to look forward to working with Mrs. Sugrue in her capacity as Town Accountant. Thank you Carol for a job well done!

Bay State Gas Company approached the Board in February with a proposal to install gas lines in the Town of Palmer. As a result of this proposal a public hearing was held on March 10 to allow the residents a chance to voice their concerns. The location of the pipes, cost to the Town, repairs to the road after excavation and possible damage to water lines, telephone ducts and sewer lines already located in the ground were

some of the concerns brought out at the public hearing. A second hearing was held on March 25 and a third on March 31. It was the opinion of the Board that all concerns had been addressed satisfactorily and a guarantee by Bay State Gas to service the Industrial Park prompted the Board to offer their support. The end of the year found the Board awaiting a proposed route for the gas lines.

The necessary steps to purchase a computer proceeded throughout the year with the proposals being narrowed down to two companies. The Computerization Study Committee recommended the system be purchased from Cogebec, Inc., of Montreal, Canada and contract preparation began in June. Funds for the purchase of the computer and consulting services were appropriated at the Special Town Meeting held on August 24, 1987 and space previously used by the Veterans' Agent would be utilized to house it.

The Lake Thompson project began in the Spring as planned with J. D. Contractors starting in April with 25% of the main line pipe in place by May. July found 56% of the main line pipe in place and the pumping station to be started in August. Issues resolved at that time included pipeline easements, mandatory connections and grinder pump connections. After much deliberation, a flat across the board fee of \$1,300 for grinder pump connections was established. Upon completion of the project which will be in March of 1988, a very serious health and pollution problem will be resolved.

In an effort to improve the downtown Palmer area by replacement of missing signs, the restoration of parking, the improvement of pedestrian safety, and creation of a parking lot, the Downtown Palmer Association requested permission to apply for grants through the Executive Office of Communities and Development under the Public Works Economic Development grant to conduct a traffic survey of over-weight and over-length trailer trucks that travel over the Ware River Bridge. Following a public hearing in November, permission was granted. As of this writing the grant has been submitted and a favorable award notice is anticipated.

A Small Cities Set-Aside grant application which would allow for expansion and the employment of additional personnel by Healthtec was approved by the Board. Administration of the grant was assumed by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission through the bidding process with contracts being signed in December. Further reports regarding this grant application are pending.

A number of committees were created by the Board in order to study and research the needs of the Town of Palmer relative to education, fire protection, water quality and future needs. At the recommendation of the School Study Committee, an eleven member School Building Committee was appointed and charged by the Board on September 22 to draw up plans and specification for the possible construction of two new schools, a K-4 elementary and a 9-12 high school. Upon completion of all plans and specifications, the committee will present the information to the voters of Palmer. Also along these lines, a Water and Fire Consolidation Committee was formed to study the general conditions of the distribution system including water supply, water quality, capital improvement, and the financial condition of each district. The Board is of the opinion that a consolidated Water and Fire District would prove more cost effective.

It is evident that the Town of Palmer is growing fast and a number of issues must be addressed to facilitate this growth. We, the Board of Selectmen feel that the progress of the projects undertaken this year are a clear indication that we are moving in the right direction. Due to the cooperation of all officials, boards, committees, employees and members of the community, we are able to work together in the best interest of the Town of Palmer. We wish, at this time, to thank these individuals for giving their time and support for the common goal of making the Town of Palmer a better place to live.

### **MINORITY REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Selectman, Mary A. Fogarty, had revised the courthouse issue, had appeared before the committee of the General Court in Boston to plead for favorable legislation and had solicited support among the representatives of the towns who belonged to the Hampden County Advisory Board. The efforts of all concerned resulted in a favorable vote on the courthouse in May. It is the hope of the Board of Selectmen that construction will begin in the near future.

Mary A. Fogarty

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's Office provides many services to the residents of the Town. Most commonly known is the issuing of copies of vital records and the licensing of dogs.

The Town Clerk is also in charge of the election process in the town. This year two special elections were held for the office of Representative in General Court which was left vacant by the untimely death of William E. Moriarty of Ware. The election was won by Patrick F. Landers III of Palmer to fill the unexpired term.

The Town Clerk this year also undertook the job of notifying the registered voters of the Town of the precinct changes mandated by the State from the original A-B-C-D to the seven precincts to include E-F-G. This task was accomplished through mailings with the annual census forms. New polling places were also assigned to many voters to conform to the federal regulations which require all polling places to be elderly and handicapped accessible.

The laws of the Commonwealth are constantly being updated and changed. In order to keep informed of the many changes in the laws which this office must deal with I have attended several workshops and seminars offered by the Town Clerk's Association and various state agencies.

The first full year in office as Town Clerk has been a learning experience I have enjoyed tremendously. I wish to thank everyone connected with this office and all the dedicated election workers for their service to the Town.

The following is a summary of fees collected and licenses and permits issued by the Clerk in 1987 calendar year:

Certified Birth Certificates . . . . .	\$ 1,843
Abstract Birth Records . . . . .	669
Certified Death Certificates . . . . .	1,598
Certified Marriage Certificates . . . . .	428
Marriage Intentions . . . . .	970
Business Certificates . . . . .	1,420
Fuel Storage Permits . . . . .	1,858
U.C.C. Filings & Terminations . . . . .	2,875
Pole Location Permits . . . . .	449
Copies of Record . . . . .	92
Voter I.D. Cards . . . . .	100
Street Lists . . . . .	522
Raffle & Bazaar Permits . . . . .	160
Dog Late Fees . . . . .	1,004
PAID TO TREASURER . . . . .	\$13,988

The following dog licenses were issued during the year 1987:

Males	278
Neutered Males	271
Females	102
Spayed Females	511
Kennels	27
PAID TO TREASURER	\$6,390.70

The following Vital Statistics were received for recording for the year ending December 31, 1987:

BIRTHS	133
DEATHS	122
MARRIAGES	169

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia C. Donovan  
Town Clerk

### VITAL STATISTICS

The attention of parents and others is called to the following vital statistics. It is important that the-records should be correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered, the Town Clerk will deem it a favor to have this reported to her at once. Parents should see that a proper return of birth is made as it may be of great importance in later life.

### MARRIAGES

DATE	GROOM	RESIDENCE	BRIDE	RESIDENCE
<b>January</b>				
4	Duane C. Daguo	Chapel Hill, N.C.	Catherine M. Krawiec	Palmer
<b>February</b>				
1	Francis L. Clang, Jr.	Hampden	Michele C. George	Wilbraham
7	Richard A. Newton, Jr.	Palmer	Karen A. Kozlowski	Palmer
14	Michael J. Cavanaugh	Palmer	Robin G. Pajak	Palmer
14	Mark R. LaBarre	Palmer	Sheila A. Hafner	Palmer
14	Michael J. Newsom	New York City, N.Y.	Teresa Szostek	Palmer
14	George E. Smith	Palmer	Patricia H. Smith	Palmer
14	Robert E. Smith	Wilkinsonville	Shirley Ingwersoll	Palmer
28	Daniel J. Coyer	Palmer	Barbara Brin	Palmer
<b>March</b>				
7	Jonathan L. Blanchard	Ware	Patricia A. Ouellette	Ware
7	John P. Garnett	Westfield	Sharon A. Cesteri	Agawam
28	Scott M. Kumpulanian	Palmer	MaryAnn Kopacz	Palmer
28	Joseph W. Porter, Jr.	Wilbraham	Maryellen Callahan	Wilbraham
<b>April</b>				
3	Norman G. Gort, Jr.	Darian, Ct.	Ruth Filbin	Darian, Ct.
4	Douglas S. Senecal	Palmer	Tina C. Iadisernia	Palmer
11	Ricky Cook	Palmer	Donna Anthony	Lebanon, N.H.
25	William D. Harris	Palmer	Joann Boulrice	Palmer
25	Richard B. Stockwell	Wales	Donna M. Tripoli	Wales
<b>May</b>				
1	Philip J. Cauley	Palmer	Jeanie M. Palka	Palmer
2	Edward J. Kniep	Wales	Eileen Kniep	Wales
9	Charles C. Heck	Palmer	Dianne M. Lavallee	Palmer
10	Guy E. Fitzgerald Sr.	Palmer	Marjorie A. Syriac	Palmer
10	Franklin C. Woodman	Palmer	Cheryl E. Fountain	Palmer
16	Dennis M. Ehmke	Fort Wayne, Ind.	Nancy J. Kusek	Fort Wayne, Ind.
16	Fred M. Heck	Palmer	Linda L. Gagnon	Palmer
16	Donald G. Pelletier	Monson	Beth Ann Smith	Palmer

23 Paul J. Benoit	Palmer	Joanne E. Hanks	Palmer
23 Frank O. Carlson	Winter Park, Fla.	Carol A. Lee	Winter Park, Fla.
30 David W. Bland	Wolcott, Ct.	Katherine J. Ford	Palmer
<b>June</b>			
6 David L. Berrere	Rowlet, Tex.	Susan M. Kerigan	Dallas, Tex.
6 David P. Diesi	Palmer	Annette L. Koretz	Palmer
6 James H. Johnson	Palmer	Renee J. Zabek	Palmer
13 Ronald C. Chotain	Holyoke	Dawn M. Knapton	Wales
13 Randy S. Heim	Palmer	Kimberly A. Bedore	Palmer
13 Daniel N. Salois	Springfield	Kathleen M. Dearden	Springfield
20 Joseph A. Cavanaugh	Palmer	Donna M. Longe	Palmer
20 David L. McCallum	Palmer	Kimberley S. Micielli	Palmer
21 John D. Poirier	Warren	Jennifer A. Wells	Holland
26 R. Robert Glew	Chagrin Falls, Ohio	Carolyn E. Wojcik	Palmer
26 Michael F. Mastriani	Palmer	Rayna N. Pelski	Palmer
26 Richard M. Opper	Monson	Donna M. Clough	Palmer
27 William J. Martin	Monson	Ruth M. Maillet	Palmer
<b>July</b>			
2 Richard W. Guzik	Palmer	Ann M. St.John	Palmer
4 Alan C. Elsworth	Palmer	Rose M. Webster	Palmer
4 Bruce A. Platt, Sr.	Palmer	Amy E. Boulrice	Palmer
4 Edward J. Przybycien	Palmer	Lorrie J. Charbonneau	Palmer
11 Michael E. Bolaske	Palmer	Renee D. Chevalier	Palmer
12 William Andresen	Palmer	Jean L. Gallagher	Palmer
17 Paul Dorunda	Palmer	Celine L. Cyran	Palmer
18 Francis T. Morris	Palmer	Anastasia B. Landino	Palmer
25 Shawn M. Haley	Palmer	Robbin L. Bedson	Palmer
25 Angel L. Matos Jr.	Palmer	Bonnie P. Griswold	Palmer
25 James E. Tenczar	Palmer	Dana L. Stabach	Palmer
26 David W. Maryniski	West Springfield	Holly A. Krota	West Springfield
29 Larry C. Kandrotas	Ware	Lynn Houle	Ware
<b>August</b>			
1 Robert J. McDonald	Acton	Anne E. Clark	Norwood
1 Kevin P. O'Connor	Palmer	Christine A. Bennett	Springfield
6 Scott A. Dumont	Palmer	Virginia M. Barton	Palmer
7 William L. Rutkowski	Palmer	Anne E. Lamery	Palmer
8 Thomas Green	Spencer	Elizabeth M. Saner	Shrewsbury
8 Edward S. Grey	Palmer	Cheryl A. Lane	Palmer
15 David R. Brockmeyer	Palmer	Angela D. Sherman	Monson
15 Dean C. Buchman	West Brookfield	April B. Carr	West Brookfield
15 Douglas F. Daigle	Palmer	Irene A. Benoit	Palmer
15 Gregory C. Lane	Palmer	Evelyn M. Geer	Palmer
15 Kenneth D. Waskiewicz	Palmer	Mary F. Martin	Palmer
22 Frank R. Allen III	Springfield	Robin L. North	Springfield
22 William J. Delisle	Spencer	Tina M. Donahue	Palmer
22 Rodney A. Goudreau	West Warren	Donna A. Raymond	West Warren
22 Alfredo Joaquin	Palmer	Patricia Piela	Springfield
22 Glen VanDeusen	Palmer	Karen DelaBruere	Palmer
23 Gregory A. Tetreault	Palmer	Stephanie G. Rigopoulos	Palmer
29 Mark W. Desjardins	Ware	Linda M. Partlow	Palmer
29 Raymond F. LaBonte, Jr.	Monson	Mona Lisa Tetreault	Monson
29 Richard E. Witaszek	Palmer	Sherry L. Hanks	Palmer
<b>September</b>			
5 William A. Blackwood	Palmer	Lorraine S. Manness	Palmer

5 John L. Cooley	Palmer	Jodi L. Bluteau	Palmer
5 John J. Farrell	Palmer	Karen D. Ledger	Springfield
5 Ronald A. Gouvin	Palmer	Sandra C. Coyer	Palmer
5 James M. Jorge, Jr.	Monson	Mary Ann Masiuk	Monson
5 Kenneth K. Kozlik	Palmer	Cheryl M. O'Connor	Palmer
12 Scott W. Anderson	Palmer	Dorene A. Guerette	Palmer
12 William E. McCarthy	Palmer	Brenda L. Longe	Palmer
18 Charles M. Callahan III	Palmer	Angela Mae Lynn	Palmer
19 Anthony R. Mongeau	Ware	Beth A. Covello	Palmer
19 Kevin J. St. George	Monson	Donna M. Reynolds	Monson
26 Gary S. Chlastawa	Palmer	Janet A. Eaton	Palmer

### October

3 John W. Ceiplik	Springfield	Lynn M. Foucher	Palmer
3 James E. Dupre Jr.	Palmer	Cynthia J. Lopata	Palmer
3 Craig P. Fauteux	Center Moriches, N.Y.	Kathleen A. Cantin	Center Moriches, N.Y.
3 Edwin R. Johnson Jr.	E. Brookfield	Pamela T. Crane	Palmer
3 Douglas Lawrie Jr.	Brimfield	Ann M. Roberts	Brimfield
9 Joseph P. Lawless	Springfield	Geraldine H. Ryan	Palmer
9 John T. Myracle	Wales	Betty Jo Kashner	Wales
10 Douglas E. Banach	Palmer	Angela S. Wojtowicz	Palmer
10 Mario M. Beliveau	Palmer	Jacqueline M. Coulombe	Palmer
10 Herbert C. Kingston, Jr.	Palmer	Corinne M. Leroux	Palmer
10 Richard J. McQuaid	Ware	Deborah A. Wawro	Palmer
10 James R. Reilly	Palmer	Frances A. Tremblay	Palmer
10 Daniel W. Sullivan	Palmer	Linda M. O'Leary	Palmer
16 Thomas E. Arventos	Palmer	Catherine M. Kalmbach	Palmer
17 William L. Silliker	W. Warren	Cheryl A. Zebrowski	W. Warren
17 Scott R. Tkatz	W. Brookfield	Lynne M. Orszulak	Palmer
24 Mark D. Berry	Monson	Martha P. Osterman	Palmer
24 Philip A. Christensen Jr.	Palmer	Sharon E. Courtemanche	Palmer
24 James J. Desabrais II	Palmer	Tammy M. Desotell	Palmer
24 Earl W. King	Palmer	Nancy J. Duda	Palmer
24 Vincent J. Mastriani	Monson	Gail A. Charpentier	Palmer
26 Michael E. Dahlen	E. Longmeadow	Nancy A. Baker	Palmer
30 Charles E. McCabe	Palmer	Sharleen M. Nichols	Palmer
30 Stanley J. Stepnowski	Brimfield	Elaine C. Quink	Ware
31 Stephen T. Farmer	Monson	Meredith S. Gagne	Monson

### November

7 David J. Beach	Belchertown	Diana L. Mariani	Palmer
7 Joseph M. Grassi	Webster, N.Y.	Susan M. Janosz	Webster, N.Y.
28 Gary A. LaMarche	Palmer	Donna A. Peck	Palmer
28 W. Shawn McMillan	Palmer	Kathleen Roche	Palmer
29 Gary E. Majka	Palmer	Mary E. Tenczar	Palmer

### December

5 Craig Alan Struck	Palmer	Deborah A. Gustafson	Palmer
5 Randall S. Volk	Palmer	Kelly A. Mansfield	Palmer
10 John F. Smith	Warren	Linda L. Berthiaume	Warren
23 Donald O. Berthiaume	Palmer	Marcia L. LaForest	Ware

DEATHS

DATE	NAME	AGE
<b>January</b>		
2	Elizabeth Theresa Zabik	76
3	Leo J. Coache	77
7	Mildred Beatrice Fredette	74
11	Helen Mary Raymond	69
14	Joseph Charles Auger	74
15	Charlotte Emily Garfield	76
16	Robert William Hitch	48
16	Apolonia Mega	87
17	Andrew Frank Vallone III	30 min.
17	Ashley Marie Vallone	11 hrs. 3 min.
18	Horace A. Leroux	63
20	Carl Edward Bubon	60
21	Joseph Cichon	97
22	Josephine Piechota	89
23	Carroll Richard Rattee	62
25	Rufus Robeson Flynt	68
25	Tadeusz Jambora	72
28	Mary Bragiel	86
29	Martha Cecelia Hulett	84
30	Raymond Francis Moran	62
<b>February</b>		
1	Eloi Lecours	87
2	Charles Freeman Bates	74
5	Fred Swedt (aka Szwedt)	68
8	Carlos Calvin McCray	91
9	Daniel J. Rodrigues	54
12	Lile Henry Brown	75
13	Elmer Andrew Palm	81
14	Josephine Florence Dilzer	90
15	Thomas H. Duffy	26
16	Anna Sophie Zelazo	66
18	Charles A. Messier	70
19	Roger Edward Patnaude	44
20	Bernadette Bowler	88
22	Oliver Joseph Desotelle, Jr.	62
25	Leslie C. Butler	81
27	Sylvia May Peterson	80
28	Alice Florence Ryan	85
28	Bella Swain	81
<b>March</b>		
5	Ernest Aaron Clark	64
6	Clarence Ernest Lague	65
9	Robert F. Shea	69
10	Dorothy G. Danis	76
10	Salvatore George Valardi	75
13	Matthew James Holda	75
17	Paula Dufresne	35
17	Wojciech Frank Wojtowicz	101
18	Mary Elizabeth Mathras	75
19	Walter E. Banak	69
30	Lillian E. Bell	73

**April**

1	Gertrude Cecile Wilson	60
2	Alma Fortune	80
2	Edward Drake Nims	66
4	Thomas Albert Minns	39
6	Margaret McAdams	92
7	Blanche Bernice Olearczyk	67
13	Frances M. Rooney	65
13	Helen Mary Wilk	85
15	Joseph L. Sierakowski	70
16	Madeleine Lorraine Nareau	59
16	Wilfred John Tenczar	78
17	Elizabeth Anne Almeida	52
18	John J. Carter	65
18	Peter Paul Osiel	75
19	Brenda L. Trant	24
26	Jeanne Sweetman	65
27	Edward K. Nadolski	78
27	Julia L. Renaud	81
28	Edward Donald Seipel	64

**May**

2	Thomas Joseph Murtha	90
3	Aurore C. Baldyga	74
5	Edwardina Harnois	97
10	Helen Rita Beals	71
11	Vernice Amanda LaForest	80
18	Richard C. Taylor	55
19	John Robert Slade	67
23	Bernice May Drake	83
30	Bernice I. Tenczar	82

**June**

1	Beatrice Lemoine	84
1	Curtis Frank Wadleigh	76
8	Elsie Marion Samble	93
9	Oscar Fred Bouchard	91
15	Louis John Rich	87
18	Edma Ruth Mason	92
19	Ernest James Hemmings	25
20	Genevieve Josephine Brinck	67
20	Edward Joseph Janulewicz	49
28	Julia L. Wilks	84
29	Charles Albert Olejarz	56

**July**

1	William Richard Hubert	70
4	Catherine Marie Dunn	74
4	Ruby Eva Moore	76
4	Anthony Charles Siemienkiewicz	79
5	Leo Patrick Ferguson	84
5	Chester M. Orluk	64
5	Albany George Robert	82
6	Jeanne-Marie Blankenship	30
7	Agnes Donaldson Nutter	87
10	James F. Smith	92
12	John Edward Hull	68
12	Yvette Blanche Robert	74

20	Lionel Albert Anair	73
24	Genevieve Constance Jeske	76
25	David Wilson Grieve	61
27	Paul David Swan	57
28	Edward J. Tenczar	89

#### August

5	Theresa E. Bogue	66
7	Agnes Weir	89
8	Joseph Felix Chess (aka Chesnolitch)	80
10	Enrico Ansolini	67
12	John Paul Miarecki	72
13	Richard T. Santucci	74
14	John A. Solomon	66
17	Lily Blair	88
19	Helen T. Roy	72
22	Melvin Lewis Marcy	56
26	Harry Holland, Jr.	24
26	Emile Renaud	82
30	Audria Venita Albro	89

#### September

2	David Berti	63
8	Samuel E. Swain	57
12	Alexandra Raptopoulos	92
13	Joseph Sienkiewicz	80
14	James Nicholas	82
15	William J. Murray	76
19	Katherine Frances Smith	93
25	Laura C. Laramee	97
30	Laurence Standerwick Jameson	89
30	Stephanie Kroolick	84

#### October

3	Henrietta Ritchie Fenton	86
6	Dorothy Marie Burns	85
6	Blanche C. Gacioch	68
6	Charles Henry Burns McDonald	62
7	Charles Dwight Buffington	64
7	Charles Anthony Pranaitis	78
8	Pearl Hanks Haley	83
8	Doris Cable Thatcher	70
9	George Weyman Beckwith	81
9	Harold John Blodgett	88
10	Mary K. Dusseault	81
11	Harry Joseph Anton	73
18	Paul Gilbert Brown	79
25	Marion Cox	68
26	Alice Veronica Chilenski	98
26	Bertha Marie Martin	88
26	Edward Chester Wilks	86
28	Lewis Jerome Lovell	68
29	Charles Whitefield Bell	94
31	Mary Rose Arabik	74

#### November

1	Myrtle Blanche Flint	80
12	Natalie Florine Vennert	93

15	Paul R. Raymond	56
24	John Joseph Shea	62
26	Bertrand G. Lachance	66
30	Larry Franklin McClenahan	40

**December**

2	Carl J. Lucey	46
4	Leopold Michael Szczepanek	54
8	Mary Matilda Wait	92
9	Joyce Elizabeth Barton	60
9	Maurice Joseph Hoar	82
11	Robert Cole, Sr.	67
12	John Mieczylaw Drelich	65
13	Bertha Mary Starzyk	94
15	Edward St. John	73
17	Richard Wayne Clark	54
20	Jose Robles	41
25	Irene E. Hryniwicz	70
25	Irene Eva Labossiere	82
26	Stella Josephine Romaniak	68
27	William John Delisle	20

**BIRTHS—1987**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME OF CHILD</b>	<b>PARENTS</b>
<b>January</b>		
1	Lauren Marie Cowden	Stephen F. & Lynne M.
5	Michael Rene Kumpulanian	Kevin R. & Diane M.
9	Ashley Marie Askins	Keith B. & Maryann
16	Andrew Frank Vallone III	Andrew F. Jr. & Lorrie A.
16	Ashley Marie Vallone	Andrew F. Jr. & Lorrie A.
22	Clifton Nathaniel Lent	Lee W. & Diana M.
22	John Robert Matukaitis	Wallace R. & Paula L.
25	Jeffrey Allan Desrosiers	Allan J. & Rosita A.
29	Matthew William Toelken	Brian W. & Amy M.
<b>February</b>		
3	Meghan Elizabeth Thompson	Craig A. & Kim M.
9	Jeremy Joseph Gumbleton	James B. II & Carol A.
14	Robert Sherman Durkan, Jr.	Robert S. & Artie L.
<b>March</b>		
1	Michael James Cote, Jr.	Michael J. & Patricia A.
2	Kim Marie Madrak	Ronald W. & Ann M.
2	Jonathan Ezekial Stinson	Darell B. & Diane L.
5	Amanda Christine Les	Paul J. & Theresa A.
8	Timothy Scott Bolton	Robert B. & Julia B.
9	Kaitlen Margaret Moynahan	Michael P. & Kathleen E.
9	Paige Elizabeth Moynahan	Michael P. & Kathleen E.
14	Jonathan Michael Wawrzonek	Michael A. & Rebecca A.
16	Kimberly Alyce Belanger	Daniel P. & Patricia A.
16	Sarah Lynn Burdick	Kevin P. & Lynn M.
16	Joshua Sean Moynahan	Sean M. & Lisa A.
20	Sean Anthony Dimitropolis	Kevin C. & Brenda L.
20	Caylie Kachinski	David & Rhoda S.
21	Stephanie Angela Webb	William W. Jr. & Simone T.
24	Clifton Ramae Choiniere IV	Clifton R. III & Susan L.
26	Jeremy James Haley	James J. Jr. & Annette B.
30	Brittany Marie Boser	Gregory P. & Debra A.
<b>April</b>		
9	Heather Louise Brunelle	Mark R. & Jennifer I.
9	Nicole Susan Gilbert	Peter T. & Susan C.
9	Amanda Lee Marchand	Dean L. & Lynne E.
11	Andre Donald Corbin	Donald L. & Brenda L.
11	Allison Jean Czabaj	Walter M. & Nancy A.
23	Joseph Roland Vyzga	Thomas A. & Mariette G.
24	Stephen Arthur Morrison	John G. & Robyn L.
28	Nicole Annett Currie	George M. & Theresa I.
29	Zachary George Cowart	Raymond E. & Michele A.
<b>May</b>		
5	Erica Lynne Laviolette	Ronald J. Jr. & Lynne A.
6	Joanna Margaret Rigali	Henry L. & Mary A.
26	Melissa Ann Fijal	David F. & Diane M.
26	Richard Thomas Cantwell	Thomas J. & Amy K.
27	Jacqueline Marie Kos	Chester M. & Jacqueline M.
<b>June</b>		
3	Michael Arthur Bechard Jr.	Michael A. & Lisa A.
4	Chelsea Katherine Taylor	David R. & Nancy B.

5 Adam Joseph Skowyra  
6 Jeffrey Paul Lachut  
8 Matthew John Parent  
10 Brian Robert Zaik  
10 Shannon Marie McIntrye  
11 Andrew James Coleman Jr.  
11 Loretta Lynn Hanscome  
12 Shaun Matthew Alix  
16 Meghan Elizabeth Lanzoni  
17 Michael Joseph Little  
18 Stephanie Jean Sypek  
23 Nichole Pearl McClellan  
30 Courtney Elizabeth Martinek

Leslie M. & Christine M.  
Paul A. & Geneva G.  
Keith N. & Pamela A.  
Robert J. & Julie E.  
Shawn M. & Johanna L.  
Andrew J. Sr. & Michelle A.  
Richard L. & Emily S.  
Donald R. & Donna M.  
John W. & Maureen A.  
Gary R. & Cathy A.  
Francis A. & Joan I.  
Clyde R. & Elizabeth M.  
Douglas P. & Angela M.

### July

3 Christine Marie Casaceli  
10 Ryan Eugene Olearczyk  
14 Andrew Joseph Bucior  
14 Vincent Michael Fuda  
15 Collette Fontaine Pincince  
17 Samantha Lynne Mann  
18 Joshua Nathan Voiland  
24 Cassandra Jo Repp  
25 Jessica Leigh Droz  
26 Gary Alan LaBonte, Jr.  
26 Amanda Marii Storey  
28 Kerry Ann McMahon  
29 Jeremy David Zglobicki

Robert & Carrie A.  
Eugene J. & Donna M.  
Michael J. & Sandra J.  
Samuel M. & Adele C.  
Kenneth N. & Denise C.  
Richard J. & Cheryl L.  
Edward J. & Kathleen A.  
William C. & Mary E.  
David M. & Louise M.  
Gary A. & Laurie A.  
John T. Jr. & Sherry L.  
Norman T. & Sarah M.  
David M. & Elizabeth

### August

1 Erin Elizabeth Thompson  
3 Victor Edward Janulewicz  
4 Timothy Alan Champney  
9 Michael Joseph Dziedzinski  
12 Angela Elizabeth Dinelle  
12 Kristin Marie Kowalski  
12 Michael Travis Nichols  
14 Kyle James Lent  
14 Chad Jeremy Windyka  
18 Jesse Edward Kumpulanian  
22 David Lawrence Smith, Jr.  
31 Justin Christopher Before

Warren R. & Ingrid R.  
Stephen E. & Brenda L.  
Michael D. & Lisa A.  
William J. & Annmarie  
David A. & Diane M.  
Edward R. Jr. & Joan S.  
Gerald A. & Susan J.  
Bruce M. & Mary C.  
Stephen P. & Cynthia J.  
Scott M. & MaryAnn  
David L. & Laurie A.  
Kevin D. & Ruth A.

### September

2 Gregory Stephen Kozniewski  
5 Amber-Rose Ann Dane  
5 Albert Roy LaBier  
5 Dale Francis LaBier  
6 Robert William Putek  
9 Matthew William Ammann  
10 Elizabeth Theresa Sergienko  
19 Shannon Lee Wilson

Wieslaw & Lorraine F.  
Brian K. & Grace A.  
Clifford P. & Jean E.  
Clifford P. & Jean E.  
Jann W. & Dee  
William Jr. & Maryalice R.  
Alan J. & Pamela M.  
Terence A. & Virginia A.

### October

2 Joshua Michael Messier  
3 Kolbe Veronica Herous  
5 Heather Allison Dec  
6 Jillian Marie Wojtowicz

Michael J. & Claudia J.  
Ronald R. & Karen V.  
Paul J. & Sheila N.  
Peter J. & Paulette M.

8 Tracy Lynn Messier  
10 Kristie Mary Frydryk  
13 Charles Lincoln Hood IV  
18 Kailee Lynne Kozlik  
20 Caitlan Marie Corbin  
20 Meaghan Christine Lynch  
22 Renee Danielle Zoschak  
23 Katy Lee Mayberry  
26 David James Bellerose  
26 Jonathan Robert LaValley  
28 James Tyler Mange

Richard F. Jr. & Cheryl A.  
Robert P. & Mary Lee  
Charles L. III & Tina M.  
Mark E. & Natalie S.  
Duane M. & Donna M.  
Timothy F. & Elizabeth A.  
Michael P. & Laura A.  
Kevin P. & Mary J.  
John D. & Martha C.  
Michael A. & Linda J.  
Jerry E. Sr. & Brenda J.

#### **November**

2 Adam Joseph Gonyea  
3 Amanda Lynne Ellithorpe  
3 Matthew Jeremiah Marciniec  
7 Andrea Lauren Dionne  
8 Andrew Robert Hesson  
9 Erik Jeanne Weatherbee  
10 Meagan Yvonne Belanger  
11 Justin Allen Melbourne  
12 Andrew Michael Golas  
14 Joshua Joseph Fontaine  
15 Shawn Michael Haley Jr.  
16 Patricia Debra Ware  
19 Lianna Caine Marciniec  
20 Meghan Lia Chotain

Ronald G. & Adam J.  
Mark P. & Christine W.  
Peter M. & Karyn A.  
Christopher J. & Allison J.  
Francisco O. & Diane L.  
Stephen T. & Joanne M.  
Danniel P. & Mary Ellen  
Jeffery A. & Rayanna B.  
Stephen E. & Nancy R.  
Brian J. & Renee M.  
Shawn M. & Robbin L.  
Michael S. Jr. & Robin M.  
Michael & Janice L.  
Ronald C. & Dawn M.

#### **December**

5 James Cooley Kibbe  
7 Kristen Gayle Faneuf  
16 Mark Ryan Staples  
17 Aaron Alton Day  
17 Erick Edward Poirier  
17 Elizabeth Ann Waskiewicz  
18 Stacey Lyn LaBarre  
22 Paul Olguin Garcia  
22 Brittagne Nicole Haley  
24 Justin Michael Carrigan  
27 Daniel Michael Clapp  
27 Andrew Zane McCabe  
28 Eric David DuComb  
31 Jennifer Lynn Szkolt

Wayne C. & Ruth A.  
Christopher P. & Altonia C.  
Mark W. & Jody L.  
Forris B. Jr. & Lisa M.  
Richard P. & Carolyn J.  
Kenneth D. & Mary F.  
Mark R. & Sheila A.  
Jose F. & Pauline C.  
Kevin P. & Kristi K.  
Jerome R. Jr. & Kristin K.  
Michael W. & Carol A.  
Charles E. & Sharleen M.  
David G. & Phyllis  
Peter J. & Patricia A.

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

During the past year, there were many changes in the Palmer Police Department. In April, Howard E. Case was appointed permanent Chief of the Palmer Police Department.

In August, the police department and the Town of Palmer mourned the death of Sergeant Melvin Marcy. Sergeant Marcy died after a brief illness. He had served the Town of Palmer as a fire fighter and police officer. Sergeant Marcy began his career with the Palmer Police Department in July of 1965 as a permanent intermittent officer and was promoted to the rank of sergeant in October of 1980. Sergeant Marcy is missed by all of us who had the pleasure of knowing him and working with him.

At the end of August, Mary Lou Geer retired as senior clerk-dispatcher. Tammy Piechota, who was the 4-12 midnight clerk-dispatcher moved to days as the senior clerk-dispatcher. Elizabeth Plant was hired as 4-12 midnight clerk-dispatcher.

In September, Scott Haley and John Janulewicz were promoted to the rank of sergeant. Rudolph Wilk, Jr. was appointed as a permanent intermittent officer.

In December, Rodney North and Rachel Rondeau were appointed as permanent officers and will attend the police academy in February of 1988.

On behalf of the Palmer Police Department and myself I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, and the Citizens of Palmer for their support and cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard E. Case

## PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT—1987

### CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Assault & Battery . . . . .	7
Assault & Battery with Dangerous Weapon . . . . .	6
Assault with Intent to Murder . . . . .	2
Assault & Battery on a Police Officer . . . . .	5
Indecent Assault . . . . .	4
Armed Assault . . . . .	2
Attempted Murder . . . . .	2
Accosting a Person of Opposite Sex . . . . .	1
Indecent Exposure . . . . .	1
Armed Burglary . . . . .	1
Armed Robbery . . . . .	1
Attempted Rape . . . . .	3
Rape of a Child . . . . .	1
Rape . . . . .	2
Kidnapping . . . . .	3
Violation of a Restraining Order . . . . .	5

### CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

Arson . . . . .	1
Burning of Personal Property . . . . .	1
Breaking & Entering in the Nighttime . . . . .	8
Larceny Over . . . . .	4
Larceny Under . . . . .	3
Larceny of a Motor Vehicle . . . . .	2
Forgery/Uttering . . . . .	1
Trespassing . . . . .	12

## CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER

Attempt to Commit a Crime	1
Disorderly	15
Cultivating Marijuana	1
Disturbing the Peace	8
False Alarm	1
Larceny of a Firearm	1
Possession of a Firearm Without a License	1
Unlawful Possession of a Firearm	1
Malicious Destruction of Property	15
False Name to Police Officer	1
Possession of Drugs	21
Possession of Drugs with Intent to Distribute	4
Possession of Fireworks	1
Possession of a Dangerous Weapon	2
Possession of Stolen Property	6
Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol	125
Operating to Endanger	26
Under 21 and Possession of Alcohol	36
Public Drinking	2
Threat to Commit a Crime	1
Shoplifting	8
Motor Vehicles Laws	2,096
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS</b>	<b>2,290</b>
<b>RESIDENTS</b>	<b>669</b>
<b>NON-RESIDENTS</b>	<b>1,054</b>
<b>MALE</b>	<b>1,343</b>
<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>380</b>
<b>JUVENILES</b>	<b>5</b>

## TOTAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE FOR 1987

Fines	\$52,319.37
FID Cards	284.00
Pistol Permits	1,330.00
Photos	309.00
Insurance Reports	2,417.00
Miscellaneous	126.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$56,785.37</b>

## Motor Vehicle Accidents—1987

There were 764 accidents investigated by the Palmer Police Department. In the 764 accidents, there were 144 personal injury accidents.

## REPORT OF THE PALMER AUXILIARY POLICE ASSOCIATION

On behalf of the Auxiliary Police Association I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Chief Howard E. Case and all the citizens of Palmer for their support and cooperation during the past year.

The Auxiliary Police Association currently has 13 active and 2 honorary members in its ranks. All members are trained in C.P.R. and advanced First Aid. We are also privileged to have been given the opportunity to attend the Western Mass. Criminal Justice Training Academy in Agawam. Many thanks to those who made this possible.

I also wish to thank the devoted members of the Palmer Police Dept. who give us the benefit of their time and expertise in the field of law enforcement. Lastly, I wish to thank the members of the Auxiliary Police Association whose cooperation and dedication make the unit what it is today.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lee Frydryk, President  
Palmer Auxiliary Police Association

#### **REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN**

Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Town of Palmer

##### Members of the Board:

During the past year 7 oaks, 2 ash and 14 maples were removed due to old age, decay or a danger to public safety. Normal maintenance of deadwood removal and low limb clearance was also carried out. Roadside brush cutting was also done.

During the past year 4 diseased elm trees were removed in accordance with the Department of Natural Resources, 19 tree stumps were also removed in all precincts.

The Forestry Department wishes to express its thanks to the Massachusetts Electric Company and the New England Telephone Company for their help and cooperation in the removal of trees and assistance in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward M. Jusko  
Tree Warden

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board in 1987 saw a tremendous increase in requests for special hearings and subdivision approvals. Palmer is a growing community and the Planning Board has worked diligently to try and control the growth in the best interest of the entire community.

For the first time in recent years, approval was given for the development of a subdivision to be known as High Meadow Estates.

This year saw the opening of a new department store and the move to a larger store of Big Y Supermarkets. The Planning Board worked closely with Big Y officials and at no cost to the Town of Palmer, traffic lights were installed at their new location to maintain an even flow of traffic.

The Planning Board has worked in cooperation with the Palmer Redevelopment Authority to continue developing the Palmer Industrial Park. This past year prospective tenants have come before the Board for site plan reviews and are now operating their businesses in the Park.

The Planning Board, in cooperation with the Board of Selectmen formulated regulations to control the numerous Used Car Lots in the Town of Palmer.

In the coming year the Planning Board would like to work with the Board of Selectmen and other town departments to develop and implement a plan to improve our roadways and intersections. The increasing traffic, due to the developing of new business which is an asset to the town, should not be a source of complaint for the residents of Palmer.

The Planning Board will continue to work in the best interest of the community and we welcome any ideas you may have regarding growth and planning.

Respectfully submitted,

Members of the Planning Board

Joseph Miarecki, Chairman  
Stephen Masley, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Wayne Degen, Clerk  
Joseph Slowick, Jr.  
Michael Marciniec

## REPORT OF THE MILK INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health and the Citizens of Palmer, Massachusetts

I respectfully submit my report of the following licenses issued for the year 1987:

45 Milk Store Licenses @ \$1.00 .....	\$45.00
5 Milk Vehicle Licenses @ \$2.00 .....	10.00
	<hr/> \$55.00

Respectfully submitted,

Walter J. Swiatlowski  
Milk Inspector

## REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

We, the Park Commissioners for the Town of Palmer hereby submit our annual report for the year 1987.

During the past year, along with the daily work of the department, crews were once again kept busy on renovation work in the park areas. One such project was the combination basketball/skating rink in Bondsville. Originally built in the late sixties, the asphalt had become brittle and was cracking and would not hold water for ice making. Also, because of frost heaving high and low areas were making it almost impossible to retain a good layer of ice. Parts of the court were excavated down to the original base and were paved with new material and a new coat of asphalt was applied to the entire surface. Along with the pavement work, a new backboard and pole were installed.

The softball field located behind the high school was completely excavated and re-graded, seeded and new bases will be installed for use this spring. This is the second field which has undergone major work and hopefully, if time and money allow, the department hopes to eventually do all remaining fields in the next few years.

One project that has been a constant problem to the Park Department is the replacement of wooden flooring and seating planks to the permanent bleachers at Legion Field. These bleachers were built around 1939 and have been replanked once about 15 years ago. At present, the only way to keep the bleachers open for use is to constantly replace boards. This, however, is costly not only in time but also materials and the project is ongoing. It is the feeling of this commission that in order to save time and money, a more permanent solution to this problem be found in the very near future. While there are many options available, most are costly, but it will be more beneficial in the end.

The summer recreation program at New Burleigh Park was again in session for six weeks this past summer. This program, under the direction of the Recreation Commission, offers a wide variety of activities for young children. The program offers swimming, tennis, basketball, archery and crafts as well as many other interesting activities. Before camp opened in July park crews removed the old pine slab siding that had caused a problem to the building with decay, replaced boards and scraped and painted the entire building inside and out. The commissioners, superintendent and staff would like to commend the Recreation Commission and the co-directors of the camp for doing an excellent job of administering the program this past summer.

New Burleigh Park was once again the target for vandals. While damage to buildings and equipment were down from the previous year, damage to grounds and surrounding fields was extensive. Over the course of the year two cars were found abandoned within the park, numerous complaints were received pertaining to four-wheel drive vehicles, motor-bikes and A.T.V.s doing damage to the grounds and disturbing patrons in the park. In an effort to curb this type of vandalism, signs prohibiting these vehicles have been posted along town-owned right-of-ways and entrances to all walking trails. It is with regret that these steps had to be taken and the area closed to this type of activity, but there seems to be, at present, no other way of curbing the problem.

All athletic fields, playgrounds, park and playground areas were in full use during the year. Sports functions are increasing year after year. This year the Palmer Kickers asked for and received permission for use of Nick Laviolette Field for soccer games. It is this increase in activity as well as the growth of the town that has prompted the commission to request money in the upcoming budget to start upgrading our playgrounds and other areas. A large amount of playground equipment in use in the parks today are over thirty years old. Although by constant maintenance, checking and rebuilding, the equipment has held up well. However, time and use are beginning to show their effects and replacement should be in future plans.

As for the upcoming year, several more projects are in the works. Town meeting voters have approved money for the finish work at New Burleigh Park ballfields. This project will be the first on line for the summer. Also, a continuation of fields, buildings and equipment repair and renovations.

IN MEMORIAM



**SERGEANT MELVIN L. MARCY  
PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Born August 16, 1931

Died August 22, 1987

In recognition of his devotion to duty



In closing the park commissioners, superintendent and staff of the Park Department would like to thank all other departments and employees who have helped us during the year. "Thank You"

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Burns, Chairman  
Dean McKee  
Walter Pluta  
Michael Moynahan  
David Benedetti  
Board of Park Commissioners

#### **REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

To the Honorable Board:

I herewith submit my report as Forest Fire Warden of the Town of Palmer for the year ending 1987.

This department responded to a total of 32 calls during the year.

05 for the forest and brush fires in the Palmer Fire District.

24 for the forest and brush fires out of the Palmer Fire District.

03 for mutual aid to surrounding communities.

At this time I would like to thank all the neighboring Chiefs, Officers, and Firefighters for their assistance during the year.

I would also like to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, the Palmer Police Department, and other Town Departments for their cooperation and assistance received during 1987.

Respectfully submitted,

Gus A. Theodore  
Forest Fire Warden

#### **REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

The 1987 Summer Recreation Program was greeted with much enthusiasm by our two new co-directors, Nina Staback and Dana Marin, along with their two Counselors.

With the registration of approximately 340 children for this program, we can see that it is becoming a very important part of the Town of Palmer's commitment of helping to keep children active during the summer months. Daily activities consisted of: swimming, softball, tennis, music, games, arts & crafts and field games which kept the children very busy.

We are very pleased with the discipline which was maintained throughout the program and we are looking forward to the summer of 1988. We wish that all children register for the program and see what new things are happening with the Palmer Recreation Summer Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Kozlik  
Thomas Skowyra  
Mary Nagle  
Edwin Rehor

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

The following is a summary of the licenses issued for the year 1987.

ALCOHOLIC LICENSES	ANNUAL	SEASONAL
Inn Holders	3	0
Clubs	5	1
Retail Package Store	4	0
Druggist	1	0
Restaurant	11	
 WINE & MALT BEVERAGES		
Retail Package Store	5	0
Restaurant	4	0
COMMON VICTUALERS	60	

The License Commissioners collected fees amounting to \$13,755 for the 1987 fiscal year. These fees are turned over to the Treasurer for deposit into the General Fund of the Town of Palmer.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wlodyka, Chairman  
Lawrence Jasak, Vice Chairman  
Joseph W. Russell, Clerk

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

New Single Family Dwellings	64
New Two Family Dwellings	3
New Multi-Family Dwellings	(18 units) 1
New Commercial Buildings	4
New Industrial Buildings	2
 Renovations to Residential Property	60
Renovations to Commercial Property	17
 Additions to Residential Property	74
Additions to Commercial & Industrial	3
 Signs	11
Pools	35
Sheds	34
Demolition	8

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Rollett  
Building Inspector

## REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

As gas inspector for the Town of Palmer, I am responsible for the inspection, testing and issuing of permits in accordance with the codes and regulations of the Massachusetts General Laws. In this capacity about seventy-five inspections and permits were made and issued.

The second phase of work done by this department includes investigating complaints of old and potentially dangerous gas fitting installations, violations of the law, and hazardous and defective material.

I would like to thank all the personnel involved with the Building Department for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Stahelski  
Gas Inspector  
Town of Palmer

#### **REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR**

As the Electrical Inspector for the Town of Palmer, I hereby submit the following Annual Report for 1987:

189 inspections were made for new homes, businesses, services and additions as well as 23 reinspections.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley Pietryka  
Electrical Inspector

#### **REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

All inspections ordered by the Division of Livestock Disease Control have been completed and requirements of Section 19, Chapter 129, of the General Laws of Massachusetts have been complied with, and reports filed with the Division at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

There were 85 visits made to examine and quarantine dogs known to have bitten persons. None showed symptoms of rabies and were released after 10 days.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis S. Jacek  
Inspector of Animals

#### **REPORT OF THE PALMER HOUSING AUTHORITY**

The Palmer Housing Authority has completed its seventeenth year in management. The 48 unit low income elderly development is filled to capacity, with 23 currently on the waiting list.

Buildings and grounds are maintained by a part-time maintenance worker. The upkeep of grounds and apartments is achieved with the cooperation of the tenants, who promptly report maintenance needs, and the annual inspections carried out by the staff.

Additions to the physical assets of the Authority consist of the installation of a telephone answering machine in the office and an electronic typewriter.

A larger stove was installed in the Community Room for the convenience of the tenants. This was made possible through modernization funding. Re-roofing of all buildings will begin when weather permits.

The Authority applied for and received an additional Modernization Grant of \$84,168. This funding is designated for covering the trim on the outside of the buildings, additional site work and the update of the fire alarm system.

The Palmer Housing Authority respectfully submits its Annual Report for fiscal year ending December 31, 1987.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy M. Judkins  
Chairman of the Board

Veronica A. Strzemieniski  
Richard E. Fontaine  
Charles F. Abbate, Sr.  
William J. Lemanski

#### REPORT OF PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY

##### FINANCIAL REPORT July 1, 1986 - June 30, 1987

###### RECEIPTS

Balance July 1, 1986	\$ 3.44
Town Appropriation	190,517.00
State Aid	5,694.50
Trust Income	6,400.00
Lost or damaged books, Donations	6,236.36
Bank Interest	985.43
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	\$209,836.73

###### EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$122,133.88
Books, Magazines, Records, VC	38,830.60
Supplies	3,763.25
Bookmobile	1,227.58
Operations	41,955.57
Equipment	1,924.08
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CASH BALANCE July 1, 1987	\$209,834.96
	1.77

##### PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY Annual Report FY 1987

Like every other successful business or non-profit venture, the Palmer Public Library must justify its existence and its funding. The library has to show that it meets community needs in the products (books, magazines, and audio-visual materials) and the services (adult and children's programming, a community center, bookmobile service) it provides. This year, with the help of computer-generated statistics which are received as part of the C/W MARS automated system, some striking trends in library use have been underscored. Total library circulation has risen dramatically to 163,789, up 26,455. The bookmobile, with increasing outreach to the homebound and to children has attracted many new borrowers. Audio-visual materials, such as video cassettes, are giving an average return of 46 circulations per item. The most popular genre books are romances, mysteries, and reflecting the needs of the elderly, the large print books. Fiction circulates twice as much as non-fiction, and among the non-fiction books, the area's most in demand are sports, cookbooks, biography, health, fine arts, crafts, travel, music, engine and car repair, and gardening, in descending order. Adults bor-

row 8 times as many materials as children and 6 times as many materials as senior citizens. However, many adults borrow materials for their children. Women borrowers outnumber men 4 to 1. The heaviest borrowers fall between the ages of 29-41, with large groups in the 9-15 and 64-78 age brackets. In other words, the "typical" library borrower in Palmer most likely will be seeking light recreational reading or definite how-to information, and if young or elderly, will be looking for specialized materials aimed at those age groups.

Both children and adults attend library programs in large numbers. The 1986 summer reading program, "Read to the Outer Limits," had 90 children as participants, who received passes to the Springfield Planetarium as part of the "outer space" theme. The summer puppetry series attracted about 300 people to each show, while 50 children made kites at special workshops, and 200 parents and children enjoyed professional storytellers during both February and April school vacations. Each of the three story hours had 20 children enrolled, while 50 older children participated in the two after-school programs. All the special programs were funded by Arts Lottery grants, and were characterized by their professional quality. Through funding from the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, a reading discussion series on "Family Affairs" attracted 20-25 people to lectures on contemporary authors Bruce Chatwin, Doris Lessing, Marilynne Robinson (who read excerpts from her novel), Tillie Olsen, and Anne Tyler. Other special events which took place at the library were two summer shows, a concert by Jazz Bones and a visit by Peter Abbott's Travelling Mime Circus.

The library-supported LVA (Literacy Volunteers of America) program offered 18 hours of training to nine tutors; some sessions were filmed by Channel 40, and about \$500 in donations were received by new co-ordinator Phyllis Hull. The Music Boosters donated \$1000 to a trust fund, the interest from which will purchase music-related materials. Many other groups, businesses, and individuals contributed donations to the ongoing use of the library, especially the community room, or to specific memorials.

New materials, including audio cassettes (books on tape) and large print books, were purchased through a state competitive grant of \$55,980 received by Palmer and 5 other area libraries. New equipment was acquired through state aid grant money including a new photocopier and an IBM-PC computer for internal use. The Board of Trustees also had burglar alarm and smoke detection systems installed at the library's own expense.

The past year also saw many changes in staff. Two employees with over 20 years service at the library retired. Bookmobile Librarian Edna Rehor retired in September 1986, and her position was filled by Fern Christiansen. Assistant Director Frances Bigda retired in June 1987, after being honored for her contributions in both that position and as Interim Director. Children's Librarian Nancy Bauer, who with the Director is responsible for all the library's grants and for implementing the automation system, is now Assistant Director. Christine Reim has become Children's Librarian, while Mary Lou Ricci is now full-time, as is the library's newest employee, Carol Holden.

Long-time employees Geraldine Molleur, Helen Skowyra, and Gloria Byrnes continue to take care of reference, statistics, and cataloging, among their many respective duties. No library is stronger than its staff—in this "business," they are as necessary as the building, the materials, the programs, and the funding in meeting the needs of the community. The Palmer Library Association can be proud of the services the library provides and of the number of people it reaches.

Respectfully submitted,

Olga Holmberg  
Director

**PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY  
FY 1987 Circulation Statistics**

Total Circulation (items borrowed) = 163,789 (+ 26,455 over FY '86)

Book Circulation = 138,306. This figure included (in the main library):  
Hardcover book circulation = 57,395  
Paperbound books (softcover editions) = 9,525  
Paperbacks (e.g. romances, westerns, mysteries, science fiction) = 11,898  
Magazines = 7,565  
Interlibrary loan (ILL) = 246.

Audio-visual materials circulation = 25,483. This figure included:  
Records and cassettes = 4,644  
Video cassettes = 16,946 (double FY '86's circulation of 8,027)  
Multimedia kits and filmstrips = 1,957

The book circulation figure of 138,306 represents 85% of the total circulation. Audio-visual materials circulation was 25,483 or 15% of the total circulation of 163,789. This represents a circulation rate of 14 items per capita, one of the highest in the area.

The Palmer Public Library collection is heavily utilized, giving townspeople a good return for money spent. The library currently owns **52,982 books** and subscribes to **125 magazines**. It also owns **2,161 records and cassettes**.

A circulation of 16,946 with **365 video cassettes** amounts to 46 circulations per video cassette in a year. Another example of popular use is the circulation of a collection of **410 multimedia kits** (record/book or cassette/book sets for children) 1,856 times or each kit being borrowed more than 5 times.

With a total collection of **56,540** items, 94% of the collection (52,982 books) consists of print materials and 6% of audio-visual materials (3,558 records, cassettes, videos, and kits).

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Palmer Historical Commission is a seven member board appointed by the Selectmen and charged with the stewardship of all historical and archaeological assets within the Town of Palmer.

During 1987, the Commission held six meetings. These were January, May, July, September, November and December. This is an increase of two meetings over previous years. This coming year, however, the Commission will be meeting monthly on the last Wednesday of the month, because it has increased the scope of its work projects which will be on-going well into the turn of the century.

There was a change in the membership of the Board during the year with the appointment of two new members, Harold Olson and Steven Nowak. This was the result of the resignations of Monica Graveline and Marion Johnson. It is with regret that the Board accepted the resignation of these members but each has expressed a willingness to help whenever called upon in the future.

Projects completed during 1987 include the purchase of a 10x14 bronze plaque with the inscription "**FRONT STEP FROM PALMER'S TOWNHOUSE AT FOUR CORNERS 1845-1963. PRESENTED TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION BY MR. & MRS. ROBERT COLLINS 1986.**" This plaque is to be installed on the large stone which rests on the terrace adjacent to the Town Hall parking lot at Four Corners.

In addition the Commission has paid for the rebinding of three old Assessor's record books and the encapsulation of several old Town documents into acid-free envelopes.

A different style of project, accomplished by the Board with the approval of the Cemetery Commission, was the re-setting of 10 vandalized grave stones at the Palmer Center Cemetery by Board members, Harold Olson, Jane Golas and volunteer Charles Lockwood. It is the desire of the Historical Commission, that, at a later date, those stones, which are broken, will be mended according to Historical Commission guidelines with the financial assistance of this Board.

Public interest in preserving historical values continues as in previous years and several gifts were presented to the Commission during the year. Among these were: a line drawing of an old mill given by George & Catherine DuComb; two uniform patches of the Palmer Fire Dept., one representing the old—the other the new, given by Allen

Roy. A late 1800's photo album of the Moore family of Thorndike given by Donald Fountain and a Knox Trail 1st edition envelope which is signed by the participants and given by Harold Olson.

The Commission continues to collect and/or purchase historically significant articles whenever possible and has added to its inventory this past year several articles including an old bible, several post cards, trade cards and photographs plus copies of a new publication entitled "Land of the Nonotucks."

There are several on-going projects which the Commission is actively pursuing. One being the inventory of the historically significant buildings throughout all the villages. This project has been expanded and now includes all the old barns as a separate endeavor and the Commission wishes to thank Ed Jasak for his contributions toward this goal.

In December, the State Legislature passed a bill which was requested by the Selectmen and the Historical Commission which allows the Commission to set up a "Special Fund" separate from the operating expenses provided by the Town. This fund will enable the Commission to build up an account via gifts and fund-raising projects for the purpose of restoration of projects, both real and personal, and the maintenance of the same, plus a resource from which historically significant acquisitions may be sought whenever the opportunity arises.

Future plans of the Commission include the pursuance of **space** for the storage and display of our growing inventory of artifacts along with a resource area for the research of historical documents and information. We would also like to reinstitute the tradition of presenting to the oldest living resident of the Town of Palmer the gold headed cane which was begun back in 1909 by the Boston Post. This cane is held by the oldest resident until death and then it is passed down to the next oldest. The moving of the drinking fountain in Three Rivers from its present location to a spot on the "common" where it can be activated for the benefit of all. The Commission is also looking into duplicating the bandstand which originally stood on this same common for perhaps some future band concerts. Plans are also underway for celebrating a "**FOUNDERS DAY**" in June 1991 which will coincide with the arrival of John King and his family—Palmer's first white settler.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Golas, Chairman  
Daniel Fogarty  
Marion Lis  
Sandra Nichols  
Steven Nowak  
Harold Olson

#### **REPORT OF THE PALMER SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The major goal of the Palmer Safety Committee for this year has been the recommendation to complete the long overdue widening of Mason Street from Bucior's house to the intersection with Nipmuck Street. This recommendation is supported by the Selectmen and is presently on the Highway Department's list of street improvements for the coming fiscal year.

A second recommendation by the Committee has been the installation of an overhead traffic light at the intersection of Main and Bridge Streets in Three Rivers. The Safety Committee asked the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce, and the Chamber agreed, to underwrite the engineering costs required for a traffic study prior to such an installation. This study is presently being completed and will be ready for a report to the Selectmen, who support this recommendation, and placement on a warrant for the coming annual town meeting.

A third recommendation has been the installation of a "Yield" sign to be posted on the River Street extension in the vicinity of the Junction Variety Store in Thorndike. This will help alleviate the problem of the dangerous intersection at High St. This recommen-

dation has been approved by the Selectmen and is presently in the process of being implemented.

Another recommendation has been to review the intersection at Shearer and Fairview Streets where a problem occurs for two (2) reasons. One, those coming down Shearer St. tend to proceed at a fair speed and some may not be familiar with the intersection at Fairview St. Secondly, there is the problem of slipping if there is not sufficient sanding on the upgrade where Fairview intersects with Shearer. The Selectmen have taken this request under review.

The Safety Committee has also addressed the problem of general highway safety due to the small percentage of salt being added to the sand—12%. This represents far less a percentage than that used by the State. On the other hand, the Committee realizes that environmental concerns must also be addressed and carefully considered before any additional salt is added to the sand. The Committee does feel, however, that the Selectmen should address this problem and give it some further consideration at this time.

Another recommendation made late last year and still not implemented is the moving of approximately 36 feet of cemetery fence further onto cemetery property along Converse St. where it intersects with Thorndike St. This would provide a better view of traffic along Thorndike St. The Chairman of the Cemetery Commissioners, as well as the present Police Chief and former Police Chief, agree with this recommendation. Hopefully, this will be accomplished this spring or in the next fiscal year.

Early last summer, the Three Rivers Fire Chief, Thomas McLaughlin, appraised the Committee of the potential danger to life and property if a fire were to occur on the opposite side of the Town from the location of the fire station when a long train of the Central Vermont Railway essentially "cut" Three Rivers in half. The Chairman of the Safety Committee followed up on this with a letter to the Railway Superintendent of Transportation as well as the local representative of the railway. As a result, R. L. Nixon, Railway Superintendent of Transportation for the railroad, indicated the railway was willing to cooperate in the future using a communication system to alert crewmen who are authorized to break up a train in an emergency whereby fire trucks must fight a fire on the opposite side of the tracks from the firehouse. The Fire Chief indicated to the Committee that there has been no further problem in this regard.

The Chairman of the Safety Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank not only members of this Committee, but also the Selectmen and other department heads who have cooperated through the meetings and follow-up to recommendations made by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Nelligan, Ed.D. Chairman  
Palmer Safety Committee

#### **REPORT OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITIES**

1987 has been a year of significant growth for the Water Pollution Control Facilities. Contributors to this expansion include an approved Industrial Pretreatment Program, C.S.O. Impact Monitoring Program, Inflo-Infiltration Studies and continuation of the Lake Thompson Sanitary Sewer Project. All of these added programs provide for even more protection of our lakes, rivers and streams. The inflo-infiltration studies will perhaps set the stage for significant improvements for some of Palmer's old and failing sewer collection systems.

The Water Pollution Control Facilities for 1987 has not once violated any of its permit requirements and is regarded as one of the best operations in the entire New England area. We will continue to maintain this facility at peak performance and as always be a major contributor for the protection of our environmental infra-structure.

Respectfully submitted,

John Gladkowski  
Chief Operator, P.W.P.C.F.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Commission had a very busy year carrying on the monthly business and overseeing many ongoing projects of the town.

A brief review: regular meetings were increased to twice monthly, with special meetings in between; we gained a new clerk, Beth Zelazo; and regrettfully, lost an old hand, Andrew Roman, to retirement. We were fortunate to add to our membership, Doris Goodwin, who will be assisting Jane Golas, with our open-space programs. Our new associate member, Allysa Rusiecki, lends her enthusiasm and expertise to our endeavors.

The ongoing projects include: enabling legislation for the "Mountain Roads" project, rebuilding the dam at Mill Pond, and creating town conservation by-laws which we look forward to being accepted at a future town meeting.

The average Conservation Commission member attended 26 meetings; made at least 16 site inspections, in addition to the group inspections by the entire commission; attended two workshops, and invested uncounted hours, telephone work, and traveled miles on behalf of Palmer.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Johnson, Chairman

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

To the Board of Selectmen:

My thanks to all who help to make the operation of this department possible. The following is my 1987 report.

Two hundred fifty two measuring devices were sealed as being correct, an increase of forty six over the prior year, even though in other instances a few outlets are using less devices. Fees for those sealed amount to \$2,042.60. This sum was submitted to the Town Treasurer, less fifty dollars still outstanding.

Fifteen devices were not sealed and placed out of service pending repair. Thirty three devices were retested after sealing. Sixteen were gasoline units and seventeen were seals. Two service stations are closed due to alterations and devices which were not sealed.

Two hundred and eighty two food packages were checked for proper weight, unit price, and total price extensions.

One supermarket ceased operation, one retail outlet now sells merchandise by units of one pound in prepackaged boxes and no longer requires a scale.

New outlets opened during the year were in the following categories: Service stations, convenient stores, drug stores, lumber companies selling nails by weight, a store selling food along with legal beverages and one new concern selling home heating fuel, two new outlets selling bottled gas by weight.

The test apparatus for checking vehicle tank meters can no longer be kept at the Sanitary Landfill area and a new location will be needed soon.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Clark  
Sealer of Weights & Measures

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

As of December 31, 1987, there are 2,810 Senior Citizens in Palmer 60 years of age and older. There are 1,216 members of the Palmer Senior Citizens Club, Inc. Palmer Senior Center.

**GRANT FUNDING:** \$5,000.00 in Discretionary Grant Funds from the Dept. of Elder Affairs in Boston to hire an outreach worker, 20 hours a week, at the Palmer Senior Center. \$4,872.00 was acquired in Formula Grant monies from the Dept. of Elder Affairs to purchase office equipment, a slide projector, purchase and install a rug, curtains, shades and paint for the front activities room at the Palmer Senior Center.

### OUR PRESENT PROGRAMS AT THE PALMER SENIOR CENTER ARE:

**TRANSPORTATION:** The Palmer Senior Center van logged 17,814 miles, carrying 2,466 passengers during 1987. The van made 4,820 trips, 571 medical trips, 104 employment trips, 680 shopping trips, 1,018 shopping trips and 2,325 home trips. 2,507 were elderly ambulatory, 50 were elderly non-ambulatory, 82 were non-elderly ambulatory, and 1 was non-elderly ambulatory. 801 unduplicated passengers. The operating expenses to operate the van was \$1,991.60 for gas and oil and \$765.68 for repairs. Total of \$2,757.28. Rider donations were \$3,247.03.

**NUTRITION:** Five days a week a hot meal was delivered to 43 shut-ins during 1987. This amounted to 11,180 meals. The Palmer Senior Center has a once-a-week lunch club. 1,190 meals were served. These meals are contracted through the Greater Springfield Senior Services Inc. An elderly lunch program is held at Pathfinder Regional Voc. Tech. High School each school day for 50¢. A six week lunch program for the elderly is held during the summer school vacation.

**SURPLUS FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** Free surplus food was distributed from the Palmer Senior Center to 2,012 low income families and elderly in the Palmer area during 1987.

**HEALTH:** 4 free health screening clinics sponsored by the Quaboag Valley Visiting Nurse Assoc. Inc. were held at the Palmer Senior Center during 1987. 113 of Palmer's elderly were served at these clinics for weight, blood pressure, urinalysis and blood sugar.

**17 Blood Pressure** clinics were held at the Palmer Senior Center in 1987. 671 seniors took advantage of this free service.

**19 Combined Hearing Screening** clinics sponsored by Belltone Hearing and Mercy Hospital were held at the Palmer Senior Center during 1987. 210 persons took advantage of these free clinics.

Many of our seniors were referred to Greater Springfield Senior Services Inc. for needed home care services.

**PHONE SERVICE:** 6,255 phone calls were taken at the Palmer Senior Center in 1987. 2,821 calls were for the senior van. 3,184 calls were for information, 116 calls for fuel assistance, 118 calls for surplus food, and 16 employment calls.

**OUTREACH:** 78 outreach visits were made to elderly shut-ins and 176 outreach phone calls were made during 1987.

**FREE TAX ASSISTANCE:** A free tax service was made available to the Palmer Senior Citizens for State and Federal Income tax, sponsored by AARP trained through the I.R.S. 132 seniors were helped by this program.

**NEWSLETTERS:** To keep Palmer's elder population informed of the various free services, programs, speakers, activities, trips and events at the Palmer Senior Center, a monthly newsletter is sent out. A yearly contribution is asked for to cover the cost of the mailing. 8,374 newsletters were sent out in 1987.

**DAILY REGISTRATION SHEET:** During 1987 8,824 seniors signed our daily registration sheet as they came into the senior center. Approximately 10% never sign. Of this figure 1,338 were unduplicated.

**SPEAKERS:** During 1987, 11 speakers were at the Palmer Senior Center to explain and answer questions on various subjects of interest to seniors. Weatherization, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, S.S.I., Emergency Responder, Adult Diapers, Travel, Drug/Alcohol Abuse, Medicaid/Medicare, C.V.S. Medex.

**LENDING CLOSET:** The Palmer Senior Center lends medical equipment, large print books and paperbacks, to senior citizens. 26 seniors took advantage of the walkers, wheelchairs, canes and commodes.

**CLASSES:** Classes were held each week at the Palmer Senior Center in Quilling, Crafts, Crochet, Knitting, and Acrylic Painting. Weekly activities include Bingo, Skat, Bridge, Chair exercise and Bowling.

**ONGOING PROGRAMS:** Widowed Persons Support and Social Group. Exchanging of ideas, information sharing, support and socialization.

**Dr. Joe Slowick Weekly** discussions on topics of health concerns to the elderly.

**SUNSHINE LADY:** The Sunshine Lady for the Palmer Senior Center sent out 994 Birth-day cards, 176 Get Well, 73 Sympathy, 108 Anniversary and 10 Thank You cards during 1987.

**DONATIONS:** Donations were made in the name of the Palmer Senior Citizen's Club, Inc. to the Wing Memorial Hospital, The Palmer Food Share Program, The Palmer Lions Club, The United Way, The Apollo Donut Shop.

**RECREATION:** Several day trips and overnight trips were taken in 1987 by the Palmer Senior Citizens. 543 took these trips.

The annual club picnic at Stanley Park attracted 125 seniors.

The annual Christmas party held at the Amvets Hall in Three Rivers attracted 126 seniors.

**VOLUNTEERS:** 31 senior volunteers offered their services in some aspect at the Palmer Senior Center in 1987. If they were paid at minimum wage their services would equal \$18,000.00. The Senior Citizens Club Inc., to show a little of their appreciation, sponsors a volunteer recognition dinner, in their honor, in May on Volunteer Recognition Day.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Murray, Director  
Rose Tyburski, Chairman  
Mary St. John, Secretary  
Regina Schlesinger, Treasurer  
Christine Stockmal  
Roland Richer  
Elizabeth Kolbusz  
Nathan Sheldon  
Alfred Carlson  
Kenneth Supernaw  
Frank Zabawa

#### REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The primary function of the Veterans' Services Department is to administer financial assistance to veterans and their dependents who qualify according to the eligibility requirements stated in Chapter 115 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as amended.

Following is a breakdown of financial assistance provided to Palmer's veterans and/or their dependents.

	Total of Eligible Veterans	Total Spent
Ordinary Veterans Benefits .	10	\$ 9,290.40
Medical Benefits	17	11,162.26
Emergency Aid for the Homeless	1	50.00

The State reimburses the Town at the rate of 75% for the above amounts.

There were several requests for information regarding Veterans Preference for Civil Service Jobs, Tuition Waiver's for Vietnam Veterans and VA Home Loan applications. This office provides information and necessary forms to veterans eligible for these and many other benefits.

The Veterans' Services Department is not a branch of the Federal Veterans Administration, and although this office is able to answer many questions dealing with VA benefits, there are times when the veteran can be better served by contacting the Federal Veterans Administration directly. The VA provides a toll free number (1-800-392-6015) which connects the caller with the regional office in Boston. The closest local office of the VA is located in the Federal Building on Main Street in Springfield.

Because the position of Veterans' Agent is part-time, I recommend calling 283-8011 before visiting the office in order to avoid appearing at a time not scheduled for office hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly A. Morin  
Veterans' Agent

## PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT 1987

As 1988 begins, the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee looks back on the past year with pride—a year characterized by strengthening of our faculty and curriculum, expansion of our district, and a commitment to enlarging our facilities to accommodate a greater number of students and more diverse programs. We look forward to 1988 with equal enthusiasm.

**The Faculty.** During the 1986-87 school year, Pathfinder employed 31 vocational teachers, 18 academic teachers, 14 special needs personnel, and 2 guidance counselors. Two positions were eliminated in 1987-88 due to the closing of a program, but funding for these positions will be retained for whatever program is initiated this year as a replacement. To oversee the vocational day programs, academic courses, student services and special education, the school has 6 full-time administrators.

Pathfinder has an exceptionally fine staff; the contributions of each individual are valuable, and their collective impact has assured parents and taxpayers of a quality education. Once again this year Pathfinder was honored to have two of its teachers—Richard Sinkoski and William Paquette—selected as Lucretia Crocker Fellows by the State Board of Education. In June, English teacher Susan Costa completed her Lucretia Crocker Fellowship year and was promptly recognized with an additional honor by being selected as one of five winners of the "Outstanding Contribution to Vocational Education" award by the Associate Commissioner of Occupational Education. Pathfinder thereby became the only school in the Commonwealth to produce Lucretia Crocker Fellows two years in a row, and the only school to have similarly won the Associate Commissioner's award twice. In addition, Richard Sinkoski was designated a John Hancock Scholar for his role in celebrating the bicentennial of the signing of the Constitution. Two administrators were honored by being elected to office in their respective professional organizations. Michael Fitzpatrick is currently serving as President of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, while Superintendent Gerald L. Paist is the President of the Connecticut Valley Superintendents' Association.

**Curriculum.** Pathfinder's eleven vocational offerings were awarded full Chapter 74 approval by the Massachusetts Department of Education. At the conclusion of the school year, however, the school committee voted to discontinue the Clothing Management and Production program due to declining student interest and placement. That program will be replaced with a yet-to-be-designated shop which will be more attractive and will produce potentially more employable graduates for the local economy.

Each academic and vocational course underwent extensive review by the respective faculty members and administration. All courses currently taught at Pathfinder will conform to school committee expectations and commonly accepted professional standards by the end of the current school year.

A major change was instituted by lengthening the cosmetology program to include the tenth grade, thereby enabling the students to study the field in more depth, participate in CO-OP, and better prepare themselves for the state board examination.

Forty-six students participated in the Cooperative Education program in 1987, and demand in fields such as carpentry, electrical, and machine trades far exceeded the number of eligible students. New employers were added to the list of local business and industry sites available for placement in CO-OP and for eventual employment.

Among Pathfinder's special education offerings, the Substantially Separate program was cited by the Department of Education for inclusion in a state-side publication. The Division of Special Education recognized the program for having developed effective partnerships with employers which enabled them to better understand the unique qualities and employment potential exhibited by the young people.

**Student Body.** Pathfinder welcomed 501 students on opening day. Of this number, 84 were from Belchertown, 73 from Monson, 14 from New Braintree, 146 from Palmer, and 53 from Ware. The remainder came from additional non-member towns: Brimfield, Chicopee, Easthampton, Granby, Hampden, Hardwick, Hatfield, Holyoke, Longmeadow, Ludlow, North Brookfield, Oakham, South Hadley, Springfield, Warren, West

Brookfield, Westfield, and Wilbraham. Despite declining enrollments in vocational schools state-wide, Pathfinder has experienced an increasing number of applicants due to expanded recruitment efforts and the variety of its program offerings in this region. Over 200 applications were received by April of 1987.

School Committee Chairman Michael J. Cavanaugh presented diplomas and vocational certificates to 91 graduates at commencement ceremonies in June. Eighty-nine percent of the class of 1987 found employment in various trade areas or were enrolled in institutions of higher education. An additional ten percent entered military service where they, too, became involved in assignments related to their field of study. Graduates continued to win a number of impressive scholarships, as a total of \$8,575.00 was awarded from school and community sources.

**Grants, Contracts, and Special Programs.** External funding is an increasingly important component of Pathfinder's program offerings. Such funding opportunities enable the school to enrich resources available to the regular day students as well as to respond to special needs and area priorities. Over \$217,000 in competitive grant monies was received in 1987.

Under P.L. 98-524, the Carl Perkins Vocational Education Act, several projects were funded to enhance academic and vocational training for handicapped and disadvantaged students. Intensified instruction in English, mathematics, and employability skills supplemented regular classroom activities. Perkins monies also supported a full-time instructor in computer programming as well as equipment for that shop. Pathfinder accessed left-over Perkins monies from state-wide sources to provide summer programs to students under the supervision of the Department of Youth Services as well as selected afternoon training during the school year. Regularly-enrolled Pathfinder students were also given an opportunity to benefit from additional instruction during the summer months.

The Afternoon Program marked its eighth year of operation providing vocational hands-on training in the areas of Automotive Mechanics, Carpentry, Culinary Arts, and Machine Shop. Forty-five students were enrolled representing thirteen towns. This program continues to provide valuable training to "at risk" students from a wide variety of backgrounds and educational abilities and needs.

Through Service Delivery contracts with the Bureau of Institutional School, Pathfinder continued its commitment to providing quality educational programs to area institutional and community-based handicapped students. The Resource Skills program based at Ludlow High School, provide life skills, pre-vocational, and vocational skills programs to students from Belchertown State School, Monson Developmental Center, and many surrounding towns.

Three new activities were supported by state-wide competitive grants from the Division of Occupational Education. In an effort to attract more students into non-traditional shop areas, an outreach specialist was employed to work with local junior high school students and their teachers. Pathfinder was also selected to pilot test a new curriculum program in Applied Communications which, when fully developed, will have nationwide visibility. Finally, a grant of \$7,000 enabled the school committee and administration to fund a study and related activities designed to expand the district to include the town of Ware.

**Budget and Finance.** For Fiscal 1988, the school committee adopted an operating and maintenance budget of \$3,121,812; a capital budget of \$219,980; and a substantially separate special education budget of \$263,961. Reductions through state aid and tuition from out-of-district towns resulted in net total assessments to the member towns as follows: Belchertown, \$320,037; Monson, \$313,999; New Braintree, \$63,672; and Palmer, \$616,477. Each of the four towns subsequently approved its apportioned share unanimously. Because the per pupil expenditure fell to below 85% of the state-wide average for vocational schools, Pathfinder was eligible for an equal educational opportunity grant of \$7,062. Local spending must increase by that much in the current year to conform with provisions of state law that govern the EEO grant program.

Late 1987 saw the enactment of Senate Bill 2142, the Vocational Education Improvement Act. Through the efforts of vocational administration—including Pathfinder's

superintendent and assistants—the legislature made a commitment toward a minimum of 35% state funding for vocational schools and a one-time grant program to help upgrade equipment in critical areas. These provisions should infuse an additional \$200,000 in state aide for Pathfinder in FY1989.

**Challenges Ahead.** Clearly, the most dramatic undertaking during 1987 was the successful effort to expand the district and to increase the size of the school. After several years of planning, the school committee identified this activity as its number one priority for the year. Consequently, the committee and administration—with the enthusiastic support of the staff and student body—embarked upon an intensive marketing campaign to generate support for the plan.

The administration developed a two-pronged approach which featured the political and financial framework for admitting the town of Ware on one hand, and an architectural and capital outlay project on the other. Both came together in presentations during special town meetings in the spring. Unanimous votes in all five towns approved amendments to the Regional School District Agreement thereby admitting the town of Ware and authorizing the school committee to finance and construct a \$5.5 million addition to the school.

The proposed addition will be eligible for 75% state aid and will include 4 shops, 15 classrooms, a new guidance area, and two new offices. The addition will house auto body, electronics, heating and air conditioning, and a new carpentry shop. Renovations to the space presently occupied by carpentry will allow for enlargement of the automotive and machine shops and the existing Tea Room will be nearly doubled in size. Programs currently housed in off-campus rented facilities will be brought back to the main building.

Concurrently, the town approved an amendment to the Agreement which provides, for the first time, district-wide elections for members of the school committee. A special act of the state legislature validated those procedures, and they will be implemented with the upcoming elections in the spring of 1988.

The school committee wishes to take this opportunity to thank all the citizens of the district for their support, encouragement, and constructive ideas through all of this process. Together and individually we can work for the young people of our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh, Palmer, Chairman  
Michael A. Roncolato, Belchertown  
Marceline B. Matrow, Monson  
Geraldine A. Reavey, New Braintree  
Ronald J. Laviolette, Palmer  
Ford P. Ray, Ware  
Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-Director

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1987-1988

James R. Longtine, Chairman  
Robert S. Dupuis, Vice Chairman  
David M. Droz, Secretary

David M. Droz	Term expires 1988
Robert S. Dupuis	Term expires 1989
James R. Longtine	Term expires 1989
Paul J. Brozek	Term expires 1990
James L. St. Amand	Term expires 1990

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held at 7:00 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month except during July and August.

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## BUDGET

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
1000 Administration	\$ 139,420.90	\$ 148,291.32
2000 Instruction	3,729,841.89	3,835,371.22
3000 Other School Services	543,721.34	576,562.66
4000 Operation & Maintenance of Plant	471,891.08	470,335.00
5000 Fixed Charges	222,819.86	403,023.40
6000 Community Services	17,650.00	18,920.00
7100 Improvement of Sites	0.00	18,450.00
7200 Improvement of Buildings	7,500.00	7,500.00
7300 Acquisition of Equipment	15,090.20	41,389.65
7400 Replacement of Equipment	24,351.73	29,835.40
9000 Trade & Adult Evening School Expenses	0.00	0.00
9100 Tuition	220,714.00	267,325.00
Federal Matching Funds	0.00	0.00
Surplus Property	0.00	0.00
	<u>\$5,393,001.00</u>	<u>\$5,817,003.65</u>

### Special Education Program Included in Above Figures

Instructional Services	\$464,648.00	\$538,465.70
Census	1,000.00	1,000.00
Health	1,994.72	3,150.29
Pupil Transportation	129,470.00	131,511.00
Acquisition of Equipment	0.00	0.00
Replacement of Equipment	300.00	0.00
Tuition	<u>220,714.00</u>	<u>267,325.00</u>
	<u>\$818,126.72</u>	<u>\$941,451.99</u>

PLEASE NOTE: This budget reflects step-level increases only.

## ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

To the School Committee and People of the Town of Palmer:

Change is still the word in the Palmer Public Schools. The State Legislature has passed a new school improvement bill, once again requiring a rethinking as to how to meet state requirements and also how to qualify for new grants.

I am sorry to note the retirement of Paul Nahabedian after 19 years as a science teacher at Palmer High School and Kendrick McKee after 15 years, most of them as Director of Maintenance for the school system. They will be missed.

At my urging, the School Committee appointed a School Needs Study Committee made up of volunteers from the total community and chaired by John Egan. This committee reported back in record time with a recommendation that two new schools be built. As a result of this, the School Committee recommended, and the Board of Selectmen appointed, a School Building Committee. That committee is currently seeking architectural proposals for the design of a K-4 elementary school, a 9-12 high school, and remodeling of the current high school to a 5-8 middle school. It is anticipated that a recommendation will be made to the Town in June.

The need for space made it necessary to rent space at the former St. Anne's Elementary School. An early childhood program consisting of preschool, kindergarten, and resource classes was established.

In order to meet the needs of the system for supervision and management, the administrative structure was changed to provide teaching principals in each of the elementary schools, a teaching assistant principal at the high school, and directors for curriculum and facilities. Clerical and aide time was increased at the schools in order to provide more supervision as well as help for the new principals.

All of the full-time administrators went through a five-day leadership training course funded by a grant written by me. Pathfinder and Ware administrators joined Palmer in this inservice.

Palmer students continued to be successful in all phases of education. In the State Basic Skills testing, Palmer students scored better than the state average and the average for students in the same kind of community. In fact, 92-97% of Palmer 9th graders had a 70% or higher grade in writing, mathematics, and reading, and up to 99% passed at basic level. Once again a problem-solving team from Palmer was invited to the state championship competition. This team won and went on to international competition in Michigan. An individual high school student also won in state competition and later competed in Michigan. The Palmer Lions helped to defray these costs. This year almost 70% of the graduating class went on to postsecondary education, many of these with scholarships. Some of the schools attended are Holy Cross, University of Massachusetts, Springfield, Williams, and Princeton. The remaining graduates entered the military or went directly into the work force. Palmer also continued its success in athletics with tournament teams in baseball, basketball (boys/girls), and softball as well as participation in Western Massachusetts and state music programs by Palmer musicians.

There were many changes in educational programs with new programs added and others modified. The 9th grade career program was restructured to include computers and the high school version of the Quest Program. This program is aimed at helping students to deal with peer pressure and to make responsible decisions regarding drugs, alcohol, sex, smoking, etc. First-year Latin was added to the high school curriculum. The high school computer laboratory was upgraded by adding computer stations and by using Equal Education Opportunity grant funds to employ a teacher/computer assistant to provide instruction in the Business Department and to help staff and students to work in the lab. This person also worked with elementary staff and students. This change, along with the addition of 30 new computers purchased with State and Federal grant money, allowed us to significantly upgrade opportunities for elementary students to learn about and use computers.

The IBM Writing to Read program has been instituted for kindergarten and grade 1 students in four buildings. This program, initially funded by a \$100,000 Remedial Education Grant, is designed to teach early elementary students to read and write using computers. Other elementary programs include a continuation of the Old Sturbridge Village history project for grade 5; a program with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra which brought orchestra members into the schools to work with grades 4, 5, and 6, and sent these students to the symphony for a special performance—this program continues this year; the introduction of a woodworking component to the occupationally oriented special needs program at Park Street; and a two-phase 8th grade foreign

language program introducing all 8th graders to French and Spanish. The high school continues its program with the Five College Partnership for a humanities program for 11th grade honor students.

A major effort this year is the formation of a community-wide committee to fight drug and alcohol abuse. As part of this effort, the Palmer Schools have joined the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs. Dr. Ronald Laviolette is guiding this work and has a grant funded at \$3,721.50 to help in the effort to eradicate the use of drugs in Palmer. Numerous businesses in the community are also donating funds for a "Palmer Says NO To Drugs" Week.

In addition to the funding mentioned previously, the Palmer Schools received \$15,337 Block Grant, \$2,445 Educational Technology Grant, \$6,838 Carl Perkins Occupational Grant, \$17,214 School Improvement Council Funds, \$114,790 Equal Education Opportunity Grant, \$13,316 Horace Mann Grant, \$6,238 Commonwealth Inservice Grants, and \$3,750 Early Childhood Grant. This money was and is being used for direct instructional services to the students and allowed us to provide additional staff, staff services, supplies, and equipment.

It should be noted that the always controversial portable classrooms have been completely removed from the high school grounds, the dirt portion of the Bondsenville playground has been paved, and we have a new bus contract which provided all new busses for service.

Your School Committee, administration, and school staff continue to do their utmost to provide the best education possible for the children of Palmer.

I ask you all—parents, grandparents, and others—to get involved in your schools and their progress. Give us your comments and help. A strong educational system benefits us all, and a community cannot grow without it. Remember the children who started kindergarten this year will graduate in the year 2000. We must provide for them now if they are to become productive citizens in the 21st Century.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Pasquill  
Superintendent of Schools

**REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR**  
**Fiscal Year July 1, 1986—June 30, 1987**

**Account of 1983**

Outstanding July 1, 1986	\$ 652.90
Abatements	<u>652.90</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1987	-0-

**Account of 1984**

Outstanding July 1, 1986	\$ 4,184.73
Interest	<u>350.30</u>
Paid Treasurer	1,484.72
Abatements	<u>3,050.31</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1987	-0-

**Account of 1985**

Outstanding July 1, 1986	\$38,228.53
Additional Assessor's Warrants to be collected	3,890.00
Motor Vehicle excise taxes abated after payment	278.72
Interest	<u>5,601.77</u>
Paid Treasurer	40,537.05
Abatements	1,308.52
Tax Title	<u>3,802.94</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1987	<u>\$ 2,350.51</u>

**Account of 1986**

Outstanding July 1, 1986	\$411,811.07
Additional Assessor's Warrants to be collected	141,024.17
Motor Vehicle excise taxes abated after payment	3,343.61
Real Estate taxes abated after payment	12,456.53
Interest	<u>13,344.49</u>
Paid Treasurer	502,694.26
Abatements	27,871.65
Tax Title	4,798.20
Taxes in Litigation	<u>14,847.80</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1987	<u>\$ 31,767.96</u>

**Account of 1987**

Assessor's Warrants to be collected	\$891,009.60
Motor Vehicle excise taxes abated after payment	<u>567.53</u>
Paid Treasurer	818,120.41
Abatements	<u>8,389.75</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1987	<u>\$ 65,066.97</u>

Trailer Coach Fees Received from July 1, 1986 - June 30, 1987	\$ 11,028.00
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Paid Treasurer	\$ 11,028.00
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### **Sewer User Charge**

#### **Account of 1985**

Outstanding July 1, 1986	\$ 1,764.00	\$ 1,764.00
Paid Treasurer	1,344.00	
Tax Title	336.00	<u>1,680.00</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1987	.	\$ 84.00

#### **Account of 1986**

Outstanding July 1, 1986	\$ 32,650.00	
Additional Warrants to be collected	19,758.28	
Sewer User Charge abated after payment	75.00	
Interest	<u>1,831.82</u>	\$ 54,315.10
Paid Treasurer	49,530.10	
Abatements	450.00	<u>49,980.10</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1987		\$ 4,335.00

#### **Account of 1987**

Warrants to be collected	\$ 429,473.56	
Sewer User Charge abated after payment	75.00	
Interest	<u>127.00</u>	\$ 429,675.56
Paid Treasurer	397,833.77	
Abatements	3,375.00	<u>401,208.77</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1987		\$ 28,466.79

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen J. Dranka  
Tax Collector

### **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Because of the delay caused by the revaluation of all town properties, the F.Y. 1987 tax rate was not set until late in the year. Tax bills were not sent out until December 1987. It is hoped that, with the computerization of the administration building, a more timely setting of the tax rate will be met.

#### **LOCAL EXPENDITURES:**

Appropriations		\$ 9,899,124.50
Cherry Sheet Offsets	\$ 203,875.00	
Lower Pioneer Valley		
Planning Commission	<u>1,708.35</u>	
	\$ 205,583.35	\$ 205,583.35
STATE & COUNTY CHARGES:		
Cherry Sheet Charges	\$ 224,127.00	
Overlay	<u>190,215.62</u>	
	\$ 414,342.62	<u>414,342.62</u>
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		\$ 10,519,050.47

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS:		
Cherry Sheet Receipts	\$ 4,231,351.00	
Local Estimated Receipts	1,350,000.00	
Free Cash	436,099.00	
Available Funds	67,194.50	
Revenue Sharing	225,000.00	
	\$6,309,644.50	
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		\$ 6,309,644.50
		\$ 4,209,405.97

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED ÷ TOTAL VALUATION = TAX RATE

\$4,209,405.97 ÷ \$307,255,910 = 13.70 per M

School Rate	\$7.26
General Rate	\$6.44
	\$13.70

#### CLASSIFIED PERCENTAGES

	Levy Percentage	Levy by Class
RESIDENTIAL:	74.0988	\$3,119,119.31
OPEN SPACE:	-0-	-0-
COMMERCIAL:	13.4100	564,481.34
INDUSTRIAL:	9.3192	392,282.96
PERSONAL PROPERTY:	3.1720	133,522.36
	100.0000	\$4,209,405.97

#### VALUATION BY CLASS

RESIDENTIAL	\$227,673,100
OPEN SPACE	-0-
COMMERCIAL	41,203,000
INDUSTRIAL	28,633,700
PERSONAL PROPERTY	9,746,110
	\$307,255,910

#### REPORT OF THE QUABOAG VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Two new programs were implemented during FY 1987:

Hospice program made possible through a grant awarded by Pioneer Valley United Way—January 1987; High Blood Pressure Screening for Adults at work sites, grant awarded by Dept. of Public Health, Executive Office of Human Services—July 1986.

Funds were also awarded by Dept. of Public Health Division of Family Services on July 1987 to expand our Maternal Child Health Care Program.

Statistic data indicates an increase in our home visits. This is due in part to the State Home Care Program (SHC), a joint venture of Dept. of Public Welfare and the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The SHC Program provides support services (Homemaker (HM) and PCA—Personal Care Attendant) to elderly sixty and over.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 1986-SEPTEMBER 30, 1987

##### I. HOME VISITS

Nursing	2831
Physical Therapy	777
Speech Therapy	23
Homehealth Aide	5159 Visits - 11,505 hours
HM and PAC	2986 Visits - 5,660 hours

## II. TITLE III GRANT

Funded by Greater Springfield Senior Services with 10% Matching Fund by Q.V.V.N.A.

### HOME VISITS

Number of Elderly service	64
Nursing Visits	79
Includes direct nursing care, health assessments and Supervision of Health Aides.	
Number of Health Aide Hours	132

### HEALTH SCREENING CLINICS

Number of Clinics	6
Number of Elderly Screened	85 (Unduplicated)
Number of Visits	184

## III. PUBLIC HEALTH VISITS

Forty-two (42) Home Visits were made.

Service included Maternal Child Health Care and Follow-up of Communicable Diseases.

Service may be obtained by calling VNA at 283-9715 or 283-7651

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Holland  
Executive Director

## REPORT OF PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY once again is privileged to report another successful year for the Town's Industrial Park. The sale(s) of four (4) additional Building Lots; and the taking of an option on another makes 1987 a banner year in the Redevelopment Authorities efforts to bring employment to the Town through Industrial Growth. The option taken on one (1) of the two (2) remaining Lots in the Industrial Park leaves but 7.2 acres or 5.3% of the park left for occupation.

The Sales during 1987 were to the following concerns:

**SILVERBROOK MANUFACTURING:** This LOCAL company purchased Lot 13B to relocate in a new 10,000 sq. ft. building at an estimated construction cost of \$290,000.00 with the inclusion into the Park of this concern reinforces the figures indicating an increase in the metal-working business in our area. This concern will add employment for highly trained and skilled workers to perform the high-skilled functions relative to its employment force.

**MARSHALL STEEL:** This International steel products manufacturing company, with its parent company located in Canada, will relocate its PORTLAND, ME. headquarters to the Industrial Park with office and shop area to be situated on five (5) acres. The project cost estimated at \$500,000.00 will be located on Lot 3.

**SOURCE TWO INC:** The Park's newest tenant having broken ground in April of '87 and occupying a new 7,200 sq. ft. manufacturing/office facility, has already grown to where the purchase of Lot 2A (just adjacent to its present location) is necessary for the purpose of adding an additional 10,000 sq. ft. building to its

present plant. The cost of this project is an estimated \$500,000.00. The firm is owned by (2) LOCAL men . . . MICHAEL SHIELDS and DUANE WARDELL.

#### PIONEER VALLEY PLASTICS:

This LOCAL Concern, situated in Three Rivers found itself in need of larger surroundings in order to accommodate its fast pace growth which included increased employment. The purchase of 7.2 acres on Lot 13A with a building of 25,000 sq. ft. to house its 90 employees filled their needs. The construction cost of this project is an estimated \$700,000.00.

The rapid filling of the Industrial Park in the past three years . . . sales of land amounting to 100 acres . . . generating of more than 470 jobs . . . and the addition of more than an estimated \$11.2 million investment in the Park are the fruits of the efforts of the Redevelopment Authority. It is also the very strong indicator of the strength of Palmer's economy . . . as well as the desire of Industrial Business to locate/remain in Palmer.

The Redevelopment Authority has worked long and hard for the Park to develop and produce the economic rewards that were dreamed of by its members for the past eighteen (18) or more years. Two of the Board members have devoted a combined 40 years to the development of the Park . . . another nearly a decade . . . and now two (2) newer members are on board ready to serve.

The history of the Industrial Park dating from the "Bondsville Fire" in October of 1968 to the present time has included the struggle from retreats as well as the struggle of forward momentum. The results of investments of nearly \$11 million, the filling of 470 jobs along with the added revenue to Palmer have made the struggle worthwhile. The unemployment rate at the time of the Bondsville Fire was 8.5% . . . it rose to 20% . . . coupled with economic depression, the outlook at that time was far from the results of today. With an unemployment rate today of 1.8% Palmer is still producing opportunities and rewards for the area.

The task remains to finish the filling of the Industrial Park. With industrial growth moving at the brisk pace it has developed within these past three (3) years, the Redevelopment Authority is faced with the prospect of seeking further land for industrial growth. Along the success road is the always present dream for the future of the Townspeople. Co-operation with Town government officials, as well as the relationship of the PRA/Westmass consultants has created a bond that presents only solidified goal achievement. This united front has also created a good working relationship with State officials as well as the business community at large.

The year 1987 held sorrow once again for the Authority. The vital, energetic person of RICHARD TAYLOR was lost to the group by his untimely death. Taylor, a well known businessman in the rare book world, had worked energetically for the Authority for over a decade and was a moving force behind the development of the Park. He offered an energy that remained tireless . . . even looking forward to developing "other pastures" when the present Park was filled. The spirit of co-operation and foresight can only serve as patterns for the Authority he left behind. Taylor passes away exactly six months after life-time member LEONARD SABOURIN had died. Both men will be hard to replace.

The Authority welcomed two new members this past Summer. The Authority looks forward to working with the Messrs. Palmer Santucci and Frank Real, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

The Palmer Redevelopment Authority  
Neil M. McDonald, Chairman  
Mary C. Krawiec, Vice Chairperson  
Frank Real, Jr., Secretary  
Thomas W. Haley, Treasurer  
Palmer Santucci, Asst. Treas.

## REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Plumbing Inspector from January 1, 1987 to December 31, 1987.

New Permits . . . . .	68
Renovations . . . . .	19
New Water Heaters . . . . .	3
Replacements . . . . .	5
Reinspections . . . . .	25

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene S. Gancarz  
Plumbing Inspector

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Palmer Board of Health herewith submits this report for the calendar year ending December 31, 1987.

The Board of Health holds immunization clinics every other month, free of charge, in the cafeteria of Palmer High School. Clinics were held on the following dates in 1987:

MMR—Poliomyelitis—DPT and TD	February 5th
MMR—Poliomyelitis—DPT and TD	April 4th
MMR—Poliomyelitis—DTP and TD	June 20th
MMR—Poliomyelitis—DPT and TD	August 13th
MMR—Poliomyelitis—DPT and TD	October 1st
MMR—Poliomyelitis—DPT and TD	December 5th
Flu Clinic for the Elderly	October 17th
Rabies Clinic	April 25th

The following diseases were reported to the Palmer Board of Health during the year 1987:

Animal Bites	15
Salmonellosis	11
Campylobacter	11
Yersinie	1
Giardia Lambia	3
Chicken Pox	11
Streptococcal Infection	3

It is the responsibility of the Board of Health to enforce the rules, regulations and laws pertaining to the public health. This is done directly or indirectly through the Health Department's Plumbing Inspector, Vermin Control Officer, Milk Inspector and Agent. Board members make numerous housing inspections during the year to ensure compliance with the State Sanitary Code as well as many other duties as required by the Massachusetts General Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice R. LePage, D.S.C., Chairman  
Rose Tyburski, Vice-Chairman  
Frederick J. Lis, Clerk

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
PALMER CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

The Board of Cemetery Commissioners hereby submit their report for 1987.

Regular meetings were held at the Town Administration Building on the third Tuesday of the month except July and August.

Oak Knoll, Four Corners, Palmer Center and Old Three Rivers are the four cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the Cemetery Commissioners. With a full time staff of two, supplemented with seasonal summer help, under Supt. Don Philibotte, the cemeteries are kept in park-like condition. They are maintained and improved to the fullest extent possible allowed by available funds.

This department turned back to the Town revenues and interest totalling \$18,627.97 in FY 1987:

Sale of Graves	\$2,550.00
Opening Graves	5,750.00
Foundations	932.99
Perpetual Care Funds (Interest Received)	<u>9,394.98</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$18,627.97</u>

In addition, during the year \$3,860.00 was added to the principal of Perpetual Care.

The Sale of Lots Fund had a balance of \$17,741.00 in it at the end of the year. In recent years some of this money has been transferred to our "other expenditures" account to pay for improvements to the cemeteries.

We again acknowledge and appreciate the help and cooperation of the Park Dept., Highway Dept., Water Dept., and Police Dept. The Commissioners and our workers strive to cooperate to the fullest extent possible with all other Town departments without adversely affecting the function of the Cemetery Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Faulkner, Chairman  
Richard A. Laviolette  
Frederick C. Olson

**REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER**

I hereby submit my report for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1986 and ending June 30, 1987.

Cash Balance July 1, 1986	\$ 1,406,416.26
Receipts	19,101,963.96
Transferred from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for Police Salaries	<u>225,000.00</u>
	\$20,733,380.22
Payments per Warrants	<u>\$20,272,031.51</u>
Cash Balance June 30, 1987	<u><u>\$ 461,348.71</u></u>
Cash and checks in office (late receipts)	\$ 84,745.61
Shawmut First Bank & Trust Company	213.89
State Street Bank and Trust Company	3,786.64
BayBank Valley Trust Company	206.18
BayBank Valley Trust Company WPC	1,833.39
Century Bank and Trust Company	166.36
Bank of New England West	148,362.98

Country Bank for Savings—Energy Conservation Improvement Program	.72
Mass. Municipal Depository Trust	
Chapter 90 Improvement Program	176,381.16
Country Bank for Savings—Municipal Detention Center Grant	4,162.31
Country Bank for Savings—Community Development Loan Program	37,577.42
Country Bank for Savings—Law Enforcement Trust Fund	1,211.02
Country Bank for Savings—Health Tec Payback	2,701.03
	<u>\$ 461,348.71</u>

**INVESTMENTS:**

Government Investment Account (M.M.)	
State Street Bank and Trust Company	\$ 798,977.85
Repurchase Agreement:	
Century Bank and Trust Company	18,000.00
W.P.C. Capital Account:	
BayBank Valley Trust Company	20,100.00
Pooled Investment:	
Mass. Municipal Depository Trust	\$ 65,528.51
	<u>\$ 902,606.36</u>

The total amount of interest income earned during the fiscal year on Bank Accounts, Investments, and Invested Federal Revenue Sharing Funds was:

\$103,084.16

Respectfully submitted,

Irene T. Brozek  
Town Treasurer

**SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS**

**Entitlement #16**

Balance—July 1, 1986	\$21,817.25
Interest	<u>463.11</u>
	\$22,280.36
Less disbursements—Police Salaries	22,280.36
Balance June 30, 1987	-0-

**Entitlement #17**

Balance—July 1, 1986	\$118,058.51
Receipts	88,286.00
Interest	<u>4,108.52</u>
	\$210,453.03
Less disbursements—Police Salaries	202,719.64
Balance June 30, 1987	<u>\$7,733.39</u>

Total Balance of Federal Revenue Sharing  
Funds June 30, 1987

\$7,733.39

Respectfully submitted,

Irene T. Brozek  
Town Treasurer

**ANNUAL TOWN WARRANT—APRIL 21, 1987**

As of the close of registration April 1, 1987 the number of registered voters is 6459.

**1987 TOWN WARRANT  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Hampden, ss:

Town of Palmer

To either of the Constables of the Town of Palmer in said County

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections of Town officers to meet at the several polling places in said Palmer, designated by the Selectmen to wit: In Precinct A at the Palmer High School; in Precinct B at the Thorne-dike Grammar School; in Precinct C at the Three Rivers Grammar School; and in Precinct C at the Bondsville Grammar School; on Tuesday, the twenty-first of April, 1987 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the Town, for the following officers:

For a term of one (1) year:

One (1) Moderator  
One (1) Town Clerk (to fill unexpired term)  
One (1) Assessor (to fill unexpired term)  
Five (5) Park Commissioners

For a term of two (2) years:

One (1) Planning Board Member (to fill unexpired term)

For a term of three (3) years:

One (1) Selectman  
One (1) Town Treasurer  
One (1) Assessor  
Two (2) School Committee Members  
One (1) Board of Health Member  
One (1) Cemetery Commissioner  
One (1) License Commissioner  
One (1) Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical  
High School District Member

For a term of five (5) years:

One (1) Planning Board Member  
One (1) Housing Authority Member  
One (1) Palmer Redevelopment Authority Member

The polls will open at ten o'clock in the forenoon and will be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

And you are further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Palmer, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Palmer High School, Converse Street in said Palmer on Monday, the twenty-seventh of April A.D. 1987 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles viz;

## ANNUAL TOWN WARRANT FOR 1987

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose all usual Town Officers.

**ARTICLE 2.** To hear and act on reports of all officers and committees whose duties require them to report in said meeting.

**ARTICLE 3.** To fix the compensation of all elected Town Officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987 and ending June 30, 1988.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1987, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17 and to see whether the Town will authorize the Treasurer (Collector) to enter into compensating balance agreements during fiscal year 1988, as permitted by General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money, as permitted by law to meet any appropriations made or expenses incurred under any article of the warrant.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in Town, and by advertising once in a local newspaper, fourteen days at least before the sale, any old and obsolete equipment or personal property, provided that the Selectmen or whomever they may authorize to hold such auction or sale may reject any bid which they deem inadequate, or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town, and by advertising once in a local newspaper, fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under Tax Title procedure, provided that the Selectmen or whomever they may authorize to hold such auction may reject any bid which they deem inadequate, or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds the principal sum of \$7,625.22 remaining in this fund and any accumulated interest as of June 30, 1987 for any purpose which is considered permissible use of the Town's own revenues under applicable State and local law.

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from the Overlay Reserve Account, any sum of money to the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for unpaid bills of previous years.

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to defray the expenses of the Palmer Midget Baseball League, or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to defray the expenses of the Palmer Cowboy Football Team, or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to defray the expenses of the Palmer Lil' Girls Softball League, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to defray the expenses of the Palmer Kicker's Soccer Association, or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will transfer any sum of money from the sale of Cemetery Lots Account to the Cemetery Other Expenses Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to provide community mental health and social services through Valley Human Services, Inc. to the residents of the Town of Palmer, or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury, any sum of money for "construction, reconstruction, and improvement including surface treatments so-called" on all approved public ways which qualify under the State Aid to Highway guidelines adopted by the Public Work's Commission, said monies to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth through an allocation to the Town under Chapter 206 of the Acts of 1986 and restored upon their receipt to available funds in the Treasury, or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to conduct an examination of books and records of the town of Palmer for the period, July 1, 1986 through June 30, 1987 in compliance with Federal Revenue Sharing Regulations and in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the repair and improvement of Stimson Road, Thorndike, MA. or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to install, maintain and otherwise provide street lights in the following locations:

1. First Street, Bondsville, MA. (2 lights)
2. Fuller Street, Bondsville, MA.
3. Municipal Parking Lot, Three Rivers.
4. Boston Road (Route 20) Pole #74.

or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to upgrade the street lighting on Randall and Oakland Street, Palmer, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to fund the position of Executive Secretary, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to fund the position of Full-Time Town Engineer, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to place the following proposed amendment before the voters of the Town at the next Annual Town Elections pursuant to Section 9-11 of the Charter of the Town of Palmer:

The Home Rule Charter of the Town of Palmer is hereby amended by striking out the position of Full-Time Town Engineer from Section 3-3 of said Charter by substituting in place thereof the position of Full-Time or Part-Time Town Engineer.

The Home Rule Charter of the Town of Palmer is hereby further amended by striking out Section 3-4 in its entirety and substituting in place thereof the following language: The Full-Time or Part-Time Town Engineer shall be registered by the State as a professional engineer and shall be qualified by education, training, or previous experience on municipal projects.

or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement for the Establishment of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District as was adopted at a regular meeting of the Pathfinder District School Committee on January 21, 1987:

"Pursuant to the provision of Chapter 411 of the Acts of 1986, the Agreement among the town of Belchertown, Monson, New Braintree, and Palmer, Massachusetts, as amended. Pursuant to which the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District was established and now operates is hereby further amended as follows:

1. Section VII. By deleting the last sentence where it appears and inserting therefore the sentence, "Such amendment shall take effect upon its acceptance by all the member towns, acceptance by each town to be by a majority vote at a town meeting as aforesaid, except that an amendment changing the terms of this agreement relating to application of another city or town for admission to the district shall require the acceptance by two-thirds of the member towns.

or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the State Legislature for the passage of a special Home Rule Law which will authorize the Town to appropriate the proceeds from the sale of properties under the aegis of the Historical Commission and/or any monetary donations to the Historical Commission to be maintained by the Town Treasurer in a separate fund. The principal and interest to be used by the Commission for capital expenditures authorized under Section 8D of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by revising Section 2.03 by increasing the dimensional lot requirements for single and two family dwellings in the following respect:

Single-Family Dwelling **WITH** public water and sewer:

Minimum Lot Area: 30,000 square feet  
Minimum Frontage: 150 feet  
Minimum Lot Depth: 200 feet  
Minimum Front Setback: 50 feet  
Minimum Side Setback: 30 feet  
Minimum Rear Setback: 30 feet

Single-Family Dwelling **WITHOUT** public water and sewer:

Minimum Lot Area: 60,000 square feet  
Minimum Frontage: 200 feet

Minimum Lot Depth: 300 feet

Two-Family Dwelling:

Minimum Lot Area: 40,000 square feet

Minimum Frontage: 200 feet

Minimum Lot Depth: 200 feet

or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by adding an amendment which would protect the groundwater supply resource from any use of land or structures which would reduce the quality or quantity of its water supply resources as follows:

Add to Section 8.01 District Types:

WSP Water Supply Protection

## 8.09 Water Supply Protection District

### A. Purpose

The purposes of this district are to promote the health, safety and welfare of the community by protecting and preserving the surface and groundwater supply resources of Palmer from any use of land or structures which reduce the quality or quantity of its water supply resources.

### B. Scope of Authority

The Water Supply Protection District is an overlay district and shall be superimposed on the other districts established by this bylaw. All regulations of the Palmer Zoning Bylaw applicable to such underlying districts shall remain in effect, except that where the Water Supply Protection District imposes additional regulations, such regulations shall prevail.

### C. District Delineation

The Water Supply Protection District is herein established to include all lands within the Town of Palmer lying within the primary and secondary recharge areas of groundwater aquifers and watershed areas of reservoirs which now or may in the future provide public water supply. The map entitled "Water Supply Protection District, Town of Palmer", on file with the Town Clerk, delineates the boundaries of the district.

Where the bounds delineated are in doubt or in dispute, the burden of proof shall be upon the owner(s) of the land in question to show where they should be properly located. At the request of the owner(s), the Town may engage a professional hydrogeologist to determine more accurately the location and extent of an aquifer recharge or watershed area, and may charge the owner(s) for all or part of the cost of the investigation.

### D. Definitions

**Aquifer:** Geologic formation composed of rock or sand and gravel that contains significant amounts of potentially recoverable potable water.

**Groundwater:** All the water found beneath the surface of the ground.

**Hazardous Waste:** A waste which is hazardous to human health or the environment as designated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under 40 CFR 250 and the Regulations of the Massachusetts Hazardous Waste Management Act, M.G.L., Chapter 21c.

**Impervious Surfaces:** Materials or structures on or above the ground that do not allow precipitation to infiltrate the underlying soil.

**Leachable Wastes:** Waste materials including solid wastes, sludge and pesticide and fertilizer wastes capable of releasing water-borne contaminants to the environment.

**Primary Aquifer Recharge Area:** Areas which are underlain by surficial geologic deposits including glaciofluvial or lacustrine stratified drift deposits or alluvium or swamp deposits, and in which the prevailing direction of groundwater flow is toward public water supply wells or potential sites for such wells.

**Secondary Aquifer Recharge Area:** Areas which are underlain by surficial geologic deposits including till or bedrock, and in which the prevailing direction of surface water flow is toward public water supply wells or potential sites for such wells.

**Watershed Area:** Lands lying adjacent to water courses or bodies which create the catchment or drainage areas of such water bodies or courses.

#### E. Prohibited Uses

1. Business and industrial uses which manufacture, process, store or dispose of hazardous materials or wastes as a principal activity, including but not limited to metal plating, chemical manufacturing, wood preserving, furniture stripping, dry cleaning, and auto body repair.
2. Trucking or bus terminals, motor vehicle gasoline sales.
3. Car washes, except when located on public water and sewer.
4. Solid waste landfills, dumps, junk and salvage yards, with the exception of the disposal of brush and stumps.
5. Business and industrial uses, not agricultural, which involve the on-site disposal of process wastes from operations.
6. Disposal of liquid or leachable wastes, except for residential subsurface waste disposal system, normal agricultural operations, business or industrial uses which involve the on-site disposal of wastes from personal hygiene and food preparation for residents, patrons and employees.
7. Underground storage and/or transmission of petroleum products excluding liquified petroleum gases, unless all requirements for secondary containment specified in 310 CMR 30.693 are met.
8. Outdoor storage of salt, de-icing materials, pesticides or herbicides.
9. The use of septic system cleaners which contain toxic chemicals.
10. The rendering impervious of more than 20% of the area of any single lot.

#### F. Restricted Uses

1. Excavation for removal of earth, sand, gravel and other soils shall not extend closer than five (5) feet above the annual high groundwater table. A monitoring well shall be installed by the property owner to verify groundwater elevations. This section shall not apply to uses incidental to permitted uses, including but not limited to providing for the installation or maintenance of structural foundations, freshwater ponds, utility conduits or on-site sewage disposal.
  - a. Access road(s) to extractive operation sites shall include a gate or other secure mechanism to restrict public access to the site.
2. The use of sodium chloride for ice control shall be minimized, consistent with public highway safety requirements.
3. Commercial fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, or other leachable materials shall not be used in amounts which result in groundwater contamination.
4. Above ground storage tanks for oil, gasoline or other petroleum products shall be placed in a building on a dikes, impermeable surface to prevent spills or leaks from reaching groundwater. Floor drains shall be plugged to prevent discharges.

#### G. Area Regulations

1. In areas within the district which are not served by municipal sewerage systems, the minimum allowable lot size shall be 40,000 square feet.

#### H. Drainage

1. All runoff from impervious surfaces shall be recharged on the site by being diverted toward areas covered with vegetation for surface infiltration to the extent possible. Dry wells shall be used only where other methods are infeasible, and shall be preceded by oil, grease and sediment traps to facilitate removal of contamination. All recharge areas shall be permanently maintained in full working order by owner.

#### I. Uses By Special Permit

Uses which may be permitted by the Planning Board:

1. Business and industrial activities permitted in the underlying district (either by matter of right or by special permit) shall file application for a special permit.
  - a. Requirements for Special Permit: The applicant shall file six (6) copies of a site plan with the Planning Board. The site plan shall, at a minimum, include the following information where pertinent:

- (1) provisions to prevent contamination of groundwater by petroleum products, hazardous materials or wastes
- (2) drainage recharge features and provisions to prevent loss of recharge
- (3) provisions to control soil erosion and sedimentation and soil compaction
- (4) provisions to prevent seepage from sewer pipes

(5) A complete list of chemicals, pesticides, fuels and other potentially hazardous materials to be used or stored on the premises in quantities greater than those associated with normal household use. Those businesses using or storing such hazardous materials shall file a definitive operating plan, which shall comply with the Design and Operations Guidelines specified in Section 8.09-J. of this bylaw.

(6) Evidence of compliance with the Regulations of the Massachusetts Hazardous Waste Management Act 310 CMR 30.

b. Procedures for Special Permit

(1) The Planning Board shall refer copies of the application to the Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Town Engineer, and Water Commissioners of the appropriate district which shall review the application, and following a vote of the Board/Department, shall submit their recommendations and comments to the Planning Board. Town Agencies which desire to make recommendations shall do so at the public hearing of the Special Permit Granting Authority.

(2) After notice and public hearings, and after due consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Boards/Departments, the Planning Board may grant such a Special Permit provided that it finds that the proposed use:

- will not, during construction or thereafter, have an adverse environmental impact on groundwater resources in district;
- will not adversely affect the existing or potential quality and quantity of water in the Water Supply Protection District;
- is appropriate to the natural topography, soils and other characteristics of the site to be developed;
- has adequate public sewerage and water facilities.

J. Design and Operations Guidelines

The Board of Health shall be charged with the enforcement of this section, 8109-J.

Businesses and industries shall make provisions to protect against toxic or hazardous materials discharge or loss resulting from corrosion, accidental damage, spillage or vandalism including but not limited to the following:

- Spill containment and clean-up provisions to prevent hazardous material spillage to the environment;
- Provisions for the prevention of corrosion and leakage of containers storing hazardous materials;
- Provisions for indoor, secured storage of hazardous materials and accumulated hazardous wastes, and for protection from vandalism;
- Provisions for impervious floor surfaces where hazardous materials are used or stored with no drainage discharge to the environment.

K. Nonconforming Uses in the Water Supply District

Nonconforming uses which were lawfully existing, begun or in receipt of a building or special permit prior to the first publication of notice of public hearing for this bylaw may be continued. Such nonconforming uses may be extended or altered, provided that the applicant receives a Special Permit from the Planning Board which shall determine if the proposed change would increase the danger of groundwater pollution and thus be "substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood" as specified in Mass. General Laws, Chapter 40a, Sec. 6.

Applicants shall follow procedures specified in Section 8.09-J. of this bylaw.

or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Palmer dated June 15, 1981, as amended, by changing the designations thereon of the following described parcel of land from "Agricultural/Low Density Residential" to "Industrial":

Circa land westerly of B & M Railroad in Palmer

Beginning at a point in the westerly location line of the Boston & Maine Railroad at the intersection of said location line with the Town line between the Towns of Palmer and Ware

Said point being 935 feet + westerly of Rt. 32 measured along the Palmer-Ware Town line;

Thence southerly along the westerly location line of the B & M Railroad for a distance of 1160 feet + to a point;

Thence westerly along land of Libri Realty Trust for a distance of 2100 feet + to the Ware River;

Thence northerly on the Ware River to the Palmer-Ware Town line;

Thence easterly on the aforementioned Town line 2815 feet + to the sideline of the B & M Railroad and the point of beginning.

Containing 26 acres more or less.

or take any other action relative thereto.

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Said premises are commonly known as #501 North Main Street, Palmer, MA.  
or take any other action relative thereto.

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**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year 1988.

**ARTICLE 33.** To choose Committees and give them instructions.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies in some one public place in each of the four villages of the Town known as Depot Village, Thorndike, Three Rivers, and Bondsville, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 31st day of March, 1987.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Mark E. Benoit  
s/Mary A. Fogarty  
s/Theodore M. Kellogg

I have served the foregoing warrant as therein ordered by posting up an attested copy thereof, at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting, in one public place in each of the four villages of the Town known as the Depot Village, Thorndike, Three Rivers and Bondsville Post Office in each of the said villages and in the Town Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Edward J. Jasak  
Constable of the Town of Palmer

Following is the result of the vote cast at the Annual Town Election April 21, 1987:

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections, held on Tuesday, April 21, 1987, in Precinct A, at the High School on Converse Street in the Depot Village in Precinct B, at the Thorndike Grammar School; in Precinct C at the Three Rivers Grammar School, and in Precinct D, at the Bondsville Grammar School in Bondsville the following votes were cast:

**TOWN CLERK**

Patricia Donovan	1627	WIN
undervote count	499	
overvote count	0	

TREASURER			
Irene Brozek	1618		WIN
undervote count	508		
overvote count	0		
SELECTMAN			
Donald Belisle	844		42%
Harold Olson	1143		57%
undervote count	138		
overvote count	9		
ASSESSOR			
Alvin Rondeau	1565		WIN
undervote count	561		
overvote count	0		
ASSESSOR			
S. J. Swiatlowski	1549		WIN
undervote count	577		
overvote count	0		
SCHOOL COMMITTEE			
Paul Brozek	1077		32%
James St.Amand	931		28%
C.M. Miarecki	707		21%
Keith Parent	573		17%
undervote count	876		
overvote count	88		
BOARD OF HEALTH			
Frederick Lis	1650		WIN
undervote count	476		
overvote count	0		
CEMETERY COMM.			
Robert Faulkner	1476		WIN
undervote count	650		
overvote count	0		
LICENSE COMM.			
Leon Wlodyka	1561		WIN
undervote count	565		
overvote count	0		
PLANNING BOARD			
Joseph Miarecki	1453		WIN
undervote count	673		
overvote count	0		
PLANNING BOARD			
Michael Marciniec	1487		WIN
undervote count	639		
overvote count	0		
PARK COMMISSION			
David Benedetti	1108		19%
Michael Burns	1206		20%
Dean McKee	1192		20%

Michael Moynahan	1140	19%
Walter Pluta	1157	19%
undervote count	4827	
overvote count	0	
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY</b>		
William Lemanski	1440	WIN
undervote count	686	
overvote count	0	
<b>REGIONAL SCHOOL</b>		
M.J. Cavanaugh	1503	WIN
undervote count	623	
overvote count	0	
<b>DEVELOPMENT AUTH.</b>		
Mary Krawiec	1395	WIN
undervote count	731	
overvote count	0	
<b>MODERATOR</b>		
Edward Noonan	1538	WIN
undervote count	588	
overvote count	0	
<b>QUESTION NO. 1</b>		
YES	234	11%
NO	1732	88%
undervote count	159	
overvote count	1	

#### PRECINCT COMPLETED

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer qualified to vote in town affairs, held at Palmer High School on Converse Street, on the twenty seventh day of April 1987, a Monday, at seven o'clock in the evening, the following business was transacted, viz;

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Edward Noonan, Moderator.

After a partial reading of the warrant calling the meeting, it was voted to dispense with further reading of it and take up Article 1.

**ARTICLE 1. VOTED:** To choose all usual Town Officers.

**ARTICLE 2. VOTED:** To hear and act on reports of all officers and committees whose duties require them to report in said meeting.

**ARTICLE 3. VOTED:** That the compensation for elected Town Officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988 be fixed as follows:

Moderator	\$ 164
Selectmen	2,292 ea.
Treasurer	22,589
Tax Collector	22,589
Town Clerk	22,589
(all fees revert to town Treasury)	
Assessors	2,183 ea.
License Commission Members	No Salary

Planning Board Members	No Salary
Palmer Redevelopment Authority Members	No Salary
Board of Health Members	1,092 ea.
School Committee Members	No Salary
Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District Committee Members	No Salary
Park Commission Members	No Salary
Cemetery Commission Members	No Salary
Palmer Housing Authority Members	No Salary

**ARTICLE 4. VOTED:** That the Treasurer be, and she is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1987, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17 and to see whether the Town will authorize the Treasurer (Collector) to enter into compensating balance agreements during fiscal year 1988, as permitted by General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F.

**ARTICLE 5. VOTED BY 2/3:** That the Treasurer be, and she is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money, as permitted by law to meet any appropriations made or expenses incurred under any article of the warrant.

**ARTICLE 6. VOTED:** That the Selectmen be, and they are hereby authorized to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in Town, and by advertising once in a local newspaper, fourteen days at least before the sale, any old and obsolete equipment or personal property, provided that the selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction or sale may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

**ARTICLE 7. VOTED BY 2/3:** That the Selectmen be, and they are hereby authorized to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town, and by advertising once in a local newspaper, fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under Tax Title procedure, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

**ARTICLE 8. VOTED:** That the sum of \$7,625.22 and any accumulated interest as of June 30, 1987 be transferred from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, P.L. 92-512 to the Police Salaries Account.

**ARTICLE 9. VOTED:** That the sum of \$60,000 be transferred from the Overlay Reserve Account for the Reserve Fund.

**ARTICLE 10. VOTED:** That action under Article 10 be indefinitely postponed.

**ARTICLE 11. VOTED:** That the sum of \$1,800.00 be transferred from available funds in the Treasury to defray the expenses of the Palmer Midget Baseball League.

**ARTICLE 12. VOTED:** That the sum of \$1,500.00 be transferred from available funds in the Treasury to defray the expenses of the Palmer Cowboy Football Team.

**ARTICLE 13. VOTED:** That the sum of \$1,800.00 be transferred from available funds in the Treasury to defray the expenses of the Palmer Lil' Girls Softball League.

**ARTICLE 14.** VOTED: That the sum of \$1,500.00 be transferred from available funds in the Treasury to defray the expenses of the Palmer Kicker's Soccer Association.

**ARTICLE 15.** VOTED: That the sum of \$2,500.00 be transferred from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account to the Cemetery Other Expense Account.

**ARTICLE 16.** VOTED: That the sum of \$4,500.00 be transferred from available funds in the Treasury to provide community mental health and social services through Valley Human Services, Inc. to the residents of the Town of Palmer.

**ARTICLE 17.** VOTED: That the sum of \$53,220.00 be transferred from available funds in the Treasury for "construction, reconstruction, and improvement including surface treatments so-called" on all approved public ways which qualify under the State Aide to Highway guidelines adopted by the Public Work's Commission, said monies to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth through an allocation to the Town under Chapter 206 of the Acts of 1986 and restored upon their receipt to available funds in the Treasury.

**ARTICLE 18.** VOTED: That the sum of \$12,000.00 be transferred from available funds in the Treasury to conduct an examination of books and records of the Town of Palmer for the period, July 1, 1986 through June 30, 1987 in compliance with Federal Revenue Sharing Regulations and in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

**ARTICLE 19.** VOTED: That action under Article 19 be indefinitely postponed.

**ARTICLE 20.** VOTED: (As amended from \$600.00 to \$800.00) That the sum of \$800.00 be transferred from available funds in the Treasury to install, maintain and otherwise provide street lights in the following locations:

1. First Street, Bondsville, MA. (2 lights)
2. Fuller Street, Bondsville, MA.
3. Boston Road (Route 20) Pole #74

**ARTICLE 21.** VOTED: That the sum of \$120.00 be transferred from available funds in the Treasury to upgrade the street lighting on Randall and Oakland Street, Palmer by replacing two incandescent lights with one 16,000 watt light.

**ARTICLE 22.** VOTED: To raise and appropriate \$30,000 to fund the position of Executive Secretary.

**ARTICLE 23.** VOTED: That action under Article 23 be indefinitely postponed.

**ARTICLE 24.** VOTED BY 2/3: That the following proposed amendment will be placed before the voters of the Town at the next Annual Town Elections pursuant to Section 9-11 of the Charter of the Town of Palmer:

The Home Rule Charter of the Town of Palmer is hereby amended by striking out the position of Full-Time Town Engineer from Section 3-3 of said Charter by substituting in place thereof the position of Full-Time or Part-Time Town Engineer.

The Home Rule Charter of the Town of Palmer is hereby further amended by striking out Section 3-4 in its entirety and substituting in place thereof the following language: The Full-Time or Part-Time Town Engineer shall be registered by the State as a professional engineer and shall be qualified by education, training, or previous experience on municipal projects.

**ARTICLE 25.** VOTED: That the Town will adopt the following Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement for the Establishment of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High

School District as was adopted at a regular meeting of the Pathfinder District School Committee of January 21, 1987:

"Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 411 of the Acts of 1986, the Agreement among the towns of Belchertown, Monson, New Braintree, and Palmer, Massachusetts, as amended. Pursuant to which the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District was established and now operates is hereby further amended as follows:

1. Section VII. By deleting the last sentence where it appears and inserting therefore the sentence, "Such amendment shall take effect upon its acceptance by all the member towns, acceptance by each town to be by a majority vote at a town meeting as aforesaid, except that an amendment changing the terms of this agreement relating to application of another city or town for admission to the district shall require the acceptance by two-thirds of the member towns.

**ARTICLE 26. VOTED:** That the Selectmen be, and they are hereby authorized to petition the State Legislature for the passage of a special Home Rule Law which will authorize the Town to appropriate the proceeds from the sale of properties under the aegis of this Historical Commission and/or any monetary donations to the Historical Commission to be maintained by the Town Treasurer in a separate fund. The principal and interest to be used by the Commission for capital expenditures authorized under Section 8D of Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

**ARTICLE 27. DEFEATED—not 2/3 required.** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws by revising Section 2.03 by increasing the dimensional lot requirements for single and two family dwellings in the following respect:

Single-Family Dwelling **WITH** public water and sewer:

Minimum Lot Area:	30,000 square feet
Minimum Frontage:	150 feet
Minimum Lot Depth:	200 feet
Minimum Front Setback	50 feet
Minimum Side Setback	30 feet
Minimum Rear Setback	30 feet

Single-Family Dwelling **WITHOUT** public water and sewer:

Minimum Lot Area:	60,000 square feet
Minimum Frontage:	200 feet
Minimum Lot Depth:	300 feet

Two-Family Dwelling:

Minimum Lot Area:	40,000 square feet
Minimum Frontage:	200 feet
Minimum Lot Depth:	200 feet

**ARTICLE 28. VOTED:** 196 favor - 7 opposed. That the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws by adding an amendment which would protect the groundwater supply resource from any use of land or structures which would reduce the quality or quantity of its water supply resources as follows:

Add to Section 8.01 District Types:

WSP Water Supply Protection

8.09 Water Supply Protection District

#### A. Purpose

The purposes of this district are to promote the health, safety and welfare of the community by protecting and preserving the surface and groundwater supply resources of Palmer from any use of land or structures which reduce the quality of its water supply resources.

#### B. Scope of Authority

The Water Supply Protection District is an overlay district and shall be superimposed on the other districts established by this bylaw. All regulations of the Palmer Zoning Bylaw applicable to such underlying districts shall remain in effect, except that where the Water Supply Protection District imposes additional regulations, such regulations shall prevail.

#### C. District Delineation

The Water Supply Protection District is herein established to include all lands within the Town of Palmer lying within the primary and secondary recharge areas of groundwater aquifers and watershed areas of reservoirs which now or may in the future provide public water supply. The map entitled "Water Supply Protection District, Town of Palmer", on file with the Town Clerk, delineates the boundaries of the district.

Where the bounds delineated are in doubt or in dispute, the burden of proof shall be upon the owner(s) of the land in question to show where they should be properly located. At the request of the owner(s), the Town may engage a professional hydrogeologist to determine more accurately the location and extent of an aquifer recharge or watershed area, and may charge the owner(s) for all or part of the cost of the investigation.

#### D. Definitions

**Aquifer:** Geologic formation composed of rock or sand and gravel that contains significant amounts of potentially recoverable potable water.

**Groundwater:** All the water found beneath the surface of the ground.

**Hazardous Waste:** A waste which is hazardous to human health or the environment as designated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under 40 CFR 250 and the Regulations of the Massachusetts Hazardous Waste Management Act, M.G.L., Chapter 21c.

**Impervious Surfaces:** Materials or structures on or above the ground that do not allow precipitation to infiltrate the underlying soil.

**Leachable Wastes:** Waste materials including solid wastes, sludge and pesticide and fertilizer wastes capable of releasing water-borne contaminants to the environment.

**Primary Aquifer Recharge Area:** Areas which are underlain by superficial geologic deposits including glaciofluvial or lacustrine stratified drift deposits or alluvium or swamp deposits, and in which prevailing direction of groundwater flow is toward public water supply wells or potential sites for such wells.

**Secondary Aquifer Recharge Area:** Areas which are underlain by superficial geologic deposits including till or bedrock, and in which the prevailing direction of surface water flow is toward public water supply wells or potential sites for such wells.

**Watershed Area:** Lands lying adjacent to water courses or bodies which create the catchment or drainage areas of such water bodies or courses.

**E. Prohibited Uses**

1. Business and industrial uses which manufacture, process, store or dispose of hazardous materials or wastes as a principal activity, including, but not limited to metal plating, chemical manufacturing, wood preserving, furniture stripping, dry cleaning, and auto body repair.
2. Trucking or bus terminals, motor vehicle gasoline sales.
3. Car washes, except when located on public water and sewer.
4. Solid waste landfills, dumps, junk and salvage yards, with the exception of the disposal of brush and stumps.
5. Business and industrial uses, not agricultural, which involve the on-site disposal of process wastes from operations.
6. Disposal of liquid or leachable wastes, except for residential subsurface waste disposal system, normal agricultural operations, business or industrial uses which involve the on-site disposal of wastes from personal hygiene and food preparation for residents, patrons and employees.
7. Underground storage and/or transmission of petroleum products excluding liquified petroleum gases, unless all requirements for secondary containment specified in 310 CMR 30.693 are met.
8. Outdoor storage of salt, de-icing materials, pesticides or herbicides.
9. The use of septic system cleaners which contain toxic chemicals.
10. The rendering impervious of more than 20% of the area of any single lot.

**F. Restricted Uses**

1. Excavation for removal of earth, sand, gravel and other soils shall not extend closer than five (5) feet above the annual high groundwater table. A monitoring well shall be installed by the property owner to verify groundwater elevations. This section shall not apply to uses incidental to permitted uses, including but not limited to providing for the installation or maintenance of structural foundations, freshwater ponds, utility conduits or on-site sewage disposal.
  - a. Access road(s) to extractive operation sites shall include a gate or other secure mechanism to restrict public access to the site.
2. The use of sodium chloride for ice control shall be minimized, consistant with public highway safety requirements.
3. Commercial fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, or other leachable materials shall not be used in amounts which result in groundwater contamination.
4. Above ground storage tanks for oil, gasoline or other petroleum products shall be placed in a building on a dikes, impermeable surface to prevent spills or leaks from reaching groundwater. Floor drains shall be plugged to prevent discharges.

G. Area Regulations

1. In areas within the district which are not served by municipal sewerage systems, the minimum allowable lot size shall be 40,000 square feet.

H. Drainage

1. All runoff from impervious surfaces shall be recharged on the site by being diverted toward areas covered with vegetation for surface infiltration to the extent possible. Dry wells shall be used only where other methods are infeasible, and shall be preceded by oil, grease and sediment traps to facilitate removal of contamination. All recharge areas shall be permanently maintained in full working order by owner.

I. Uses By Special Permit

Uses which may be permitted by the Planning Board:

1. Business and industrial activities permitted in the underlying district (either by matter of right or by special permit) shall file application for a special permit.
  - a. Requirements for Special Permit: The applicant shall file six (6) copies of a site plan with the Planning Board. The site plan shall, at a minimum, include the following information where pertinent:
    - (1) provisions to prevent contamination of groundwater by petroleum products, hazardous materials or wastes
    - (2) drainage recharge features and provisions to prevent loss of recharge
    - (3) provisions to control soil erosion and sedimentation and soil compaction
    - (4) provisions to prevent seepage from sewer pipes
  - (5) A complete list of chemicals, pesticides, fuels and other potentially hazardous materials to be used or stored on the premises in quantities greater than those associated with normal household use. Those businesses using or storing such hazardous materials shall file a definitive operating plan, which shall comply with the Design and Operations Guidelines specified in Section 8.09-J. of this bylaw.
  - (6) Evidence of compliance with the Regulations of the Massachusetts Hazardous Waste Management Act 310 CMR 30.

b. Procedures for Special Permit

- 1) The Planning Board shall refer copies of the application to the Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Town Engineer, and Water Commissioners of the appropriate district which shall review the application, and following a vote of the Board/Department, shall submit their recommendations and comments to the Planning Board. Town Agencies which desire to make recommendations shall do so at the public hearing of the Special Permit Granting Authority.
- 2) After notice and public hearings, and after due consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Boards/Departments, the Planning Board may grant such a Special Permit provided that it finds that the proposed use:

- will not, during construction or thereafter, have an adverse environmental impact on groundwater resources in district;
- will not adversely affect the existing or potential quality and quantity of water in the Water Supply Protection District;
- is appropriate to the natural topography, soils and other characteristics of the site to be developed;
- has adequate public sewerage and water facilities.

#### J. Design and Operations Guidelines

The Board of Health shall be charged with the enforcement of this section, S.09-J.

Businesses and industries shall make provisions to protect against toxic or hazardous materials discharge or loss resulting from corrosion, accidental damage, spillage or vandalism including, but not limited to the following:

- Spill containment and clean-up provisions to prevent hazardous material spillage to the environment;
- Provisions for the prevention of corrosion and leakage of containers storing hazardous materials;
- Provisions for indoor, secured storage of hazardous materials and accumulated hazardous wastes, and for protection from vandalism;
- Provisions for impervious floor surfaces where hazardous materials are used or stored with no drainage discharge to the environment.

#### K. Nonconforming Uses in the Water Supply District

Nonconforming uses which were lawfully existing, begun or in receipt of a building or special permit prior to the first publication of notice of public hearing for this bylaw may be continued. Such nonconforming uses may be extended or altered, provided that the applicant receives a Special Permit from the Planning Board which shall determine if the proposed change would increase the danger of groundwater pollution and thus be "substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood" as specified in Mass. General Laws, Chapter 40a, Sec. 6.

Applicants shall follow procedures specified in Section 8.09-J of this bylaw.

**ARTICLE 29.** VOTED: 121 Yes, 117 No (2/3 vote). That action under Article 29 be indefinitely postponed. (majority vote to take up article 29)

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1. MODERATOR SALARY	\$ 164
<b>SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT:</b>	
2. Salaries	6,878
3. Clerical	11,532
4. Other Expenses	13,565
5. Contingent	<u>900</u>
	32,875
<b>ACCOUNTANT'S DEPARTMENT:</b>	
6. Salary of Town Accountant/ Exec. Secr.	25,461
7. Clerical	14,638
8. Other Expenses	<u>1,180</u>
	41,279
<b>TREASURER:</b>	
9. Salary	22,589
10. Clerical	22,791
11. Other Expenses	<u>18,000</u>
	63,380
<b>COLLECTOR:</b>	
12. Salary	22,589
13. Clerical	28,385
14. Other Expenses	<u>13,520</u>
	64,494
<b>TOWN CLERK:</b>	
15. Salary/Clerk, Bd. of Registrars	22,939
16. Clerical	14,636
17. Other Expenses	<u>4,200</u>
	41,775
<b>ELECTION &amp; REGISTRATION:</b>	
18. Registrars' Salaries	8,221
19. Other Expenses	20,000
20. Equipment	<u>10,832</u>
	39,053
<b>ASSESSORS:</b>	
21. Salaries	6,551
22. Clerical	27,944
23. Other Expenses	<u>10,000</u>
	44,495

**LAW & CLAIMS:**

24. Salary of Town Counsel	4,816	
25. Other Expenses	2,000	
26. Special Legal Services	<u>2,000</u>	8,816

**LICENSE COMMISSIONERS:**

27. Salary of Clerk	383	
28. Expenses	<u>1,050</u>	1,433

**MEMORIAL HALL:**

29. Salary of Custodian	4,119	
30. Other Expenses	<u>4,040</u>	8,159

**PALMER TOWN BUILDING:**

31. Salary of Custodian	6,122	
32. Other Expenses	<u>18,095</u>	24,217

**ENGINEERING:**

33. Town Engineer's Salary	7,223	
34. Consulting Engineer	<u>6,000</u>	13,223

**FINANCE:**

35. Salary of Recording Secretary	1,913	
36. Other Expenses	<u>3,400</u>	5,313

**PLANNING BOARD:**

37. Salary of Administrative Assistant of Zoning Boards	15,081	
38. Other Expenses	<u>5,800</u>	20,881

**BOARD OF APPEALS:**

39. Recording Secretary	328	
40. Expenses	<u>1,143</u>	1,471

**PERSONNEL BOARD:**

41. Expenses	250	
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**COUNCIL ON AGING:**

42. Director's Salary	15,000	
43. Drivers	11,538	
44. Expenses	<u>2,902</u>	29,440

**PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

45. Expenses	<u>2,050</u>	
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<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		<b>442,768</b>
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**PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY****POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

46. Salaries	645,568	
Less: Transfer from F.R.S.	<u>7,625</u>	
To be raised by Taxation	637,943	
47. Other Expenses	51,587	
48. Cruisers	24,150	
49. Equipment	<u>2,049</u>	715,729

<b>AUXILIARY POLICE:</b>		
50. Expenses		1,400
<b>CIVIL DEFENSE:</b>		
51. Salary	618	
52. Expenses	100	718
<b>FOREST WARDEN:</b>		
53. Salary	2,831	
54. Other Expenses	1,545	
55. Out-of-District Fires	3,000	7,376
<b>FORESTRY:</b>		
56. Labor	1,204	
57. Other Expenses	5,400	
58. Dutch Elm Disease	4,793	
59. Insect Pest Control	1,500	12,897
<b>SEALER:</b>		
60. Salary	1,966	
61. Expenses	875	2,841
<b>DOG OFFICER:</b>		
62. Salary/court-time	2,783	
63. Other Expenses	8,530	11,313
<b>GAS INSPECTOR:</b>		
64. Salary and Expenses		412
<b>TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS:</b>		
65.		175
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION:</b>		
66. Clerical	1,000	
67. Expenses	1,660	2,660
<b>WIRE INSPECTOR:</b>		
68. Salary and Expenses		3,060
<b>HISTORICAL COMMISSION:</b>		
69. Expenses		800
<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR:</b>		
70. Salary and Expenses		11,000
<b>PARKING CLERK:</b>		
71. Expenses		1,000
<b>RENT CONTROL BOARD:</b>		
72. Expenses		200
<b>TOTAL FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY</b>		<hr/> 771,581

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

### BOARD OF HEALTH:

73. Salaries	3,276	
74. Health Agent's Salary	1,510	
75. Other Expenses	<u>7,900</u>	12,686

### MILK INSPECTION:

76. Salary and Expenses	464	
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### ANIMAL INSPECTION:

77. Salary and Expenses	1,203	
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### VERMIN CONTROL:

78. Salary	568	
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79. VITAL STATISTICS:	500	
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### PALMER VISITING NURSE

80. ASSOCIATION:	14,500	
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### PLUMBING INSPECTOR:

81. Salary	1,500	
82. Expenses	<u>500</u>	2,000

83. HOME CARE CORPORATION:	1,200	
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### SANITARY LANDFILL:

84. Salary of Caretaker	15,590	
85. Contracted Services	96,000	
86. Other Expenses	<u>800</u>	112,390

87. SEWER TRUNKMAIN CLEANING:	3,000	
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88. GENERAL SEWER MAINTENANCE:	13,666	
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### WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:

89. Salaries	215,845	
90. Expenses	297,950	
91. Equipment	<u>3,000</u>	516,795

TOTAL FOR HEALTH AND SANITATION	678,972	
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## HIGHWAYS

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

92. Salaries	307,531	
93. General Highway Maint.	67,865	
94. Street Signs & Traffic		
Regulations	6,290	
95. Highway Equipment & Repairs	10,500	
96. Maintenance of Railroad Crossings	3,000	
97. Bridge Maintenance	100	
98. General Sidewalk Maint.	4,300	
99. Surface Treatment	38,406	
100. Snow Removal	38,000	
101. Street Lighting	<u>76,000</u>	

TOTAL FOR HIGHWAYS	551,992	
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## VETERANS' DEPARTMENT

### VETERANS:

102. Veterans' Agent Salary	6,110
103. Veterans' Benefits	43,250
104. Veterans' Other Expenses	<u>1,650</u>
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TOTAL FOR VETERANS' DEPARTMENT	51,010

(THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:30 PM on April 27, 1987 and reconvened at 7:00 PM on May 4, 1987 taking up the following:)

### EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

105. PUBLIC SCHOOLS - SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE	5,393,001
106. PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL- _ TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	616,476
107. PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY	<u>224,492</u>
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TOTAL FOR EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES	6,233,969

### PARKS, RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS

#### PARKS:

108. Salaries	117,539
109. Equipment	10,800
110. Other Expenses	19,200
111. PeeWee Park Maintenance	<u>1,600</u>
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	149,139

112. NICK LAVIOLETTE PARK:	1,600
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#### RECREATION:

113. Salaries	20,758
114. Other Expenses	<u>11,550</u>
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	32,308

115. MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE:	2,500
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TOTAL FOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS	<hr/>
	185,547

#### CEMETERIES:

116. Labor	45,807
117. Salary of Secretary	2,431
118. Other Expenses	9,325
Less: Transfer from sale of Cemetery Lots Acct.	<u>2,500</u>
To be raised by Taxation	6,825
119. Equipment	<u>6,070</u>
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TOTAL FOR CEMETERIES	61,133

### PENSIONS

120. COUNTY RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT:	235,492
121. RETIREMENT, Leo J. Santucci:	23,094

122. RETIREMENT, Stanley J. Strzemienski:	9,104
TOTAL FOR PENSIONS	267,690

#### INSURANCE

##### INSURANCE:

123. General Insurance	264,825
124. Blue Cross/Blue Shield	105,000
125. Group Life Insurance	2,600
126. Unemployment	15,000
TOTAL FOR INSURANCE	387,425

#### UNCLASSIFIED

127. TOWN REPORTS	3,500
TOTAL FOR UNCLASSIFIED	3,500

#### INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

##### INTEREST:

128. Tax Anticipation Note	25,000
129. Three Rivers Flood Control	825
130. Palmer Industrial Park Urban Renewal	37,750
131. Wastewater Treatment Facilities	75,425
132. Abated Taxes	2,000
133. Purchase & Renovation of New Library Building	550
134. Calkins Road Sewer Project	10,500
135. Lake Thompson Sewer Project	50,000
TOTAL INTEREST	202,050

##### PRINCIPAL:

136. Three Rivers Flood Control	5,000
137. Palmer Industrial Park Urban Renewal	125,000
138. Wastewater Treatment Facilities	85,500
139. Purchase of Library	10,000
140. Calkins Road Sewer Project	10,000
TOTAL PRINCIPAL	235,500
TOTAL - ARTICLE 32	10,073,137

**ARTICLE 33. VOTED:** To choose committees and give them instructions.

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting and dissolve the warrant. (7:43 PM)

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Town Clerk

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**COUNTY OF HAMPDEN**

**TOWN OF PALMER**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Palmer, in said County.

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby notified to warn all inhabitants of the Town of Palmer, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Palmer High School, Converse Street, in said Palmer, on Monday, June 8, 1987 at 7:00 P.M. in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1.** To hear and act on reports of Committees.

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, any sum of money to supplement the Police Salaries Account for Fiscal Year 1987, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, any sum of money to supplement the Sanitary Landfill, Contracted Services Account for Fiscal Year 1987, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, any sum of money to supplement the Consulting Engineer Account for Fiscal Year 1987, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, any sum of money for the improvement of Burleigh Park, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury any sum of money to reconstruct Mason Street, now called Peterson Street, from Old Warren Road, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury any sum of money for use by the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution Committee to fund projects being developed to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Constitution, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 32B, Section 7A of the Massachusetts General Laws which will allow the Town, in addition to the payment of fifty per cent of a premium for contributory group life and health insurance for employees in the service of the Town and their dependents, pay a subsidiary or additional rate, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the Town's contribution to the Group Health Insurance Premium from the present 50% to 75% for full-time and retired employees, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Palmer dated June 15, 1981, as amended, be further amended by changing the designation thereon the following described parcel of land from "Village High Density Residential" to "General Business":

"the land in said Palmer lying on the northerly side of North Main Street, Palmer

beginning at the easterly side of Shaw Street and going southeasterly along North Main St., Palmer up to the property of and including that of Dominic Toretti for a depth of the lots fronting North Main St., Palmer"

or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Palmer dated June 15, 1981, as amended, by changing the designation thereon the following described parcels of land from "Village High Density Residential" to "General Business":

"Tract I: A certain tract of land beginning at the intersection of the northerly line of Park Street with the easterly line of Breckenridge Street, formerly known as the Monson and Petersham Turnpike; thence southeasterly along the northerly line of said Park Street 18.55 feet to a Mass. Highway bound; thence S 65° 03'E along the said northerly line of said Park Street 210 Feet to an iron pin in the ground in line of land now or formerly of Crimmins Realty Corporation; thence N 24° 57'E along the line of said other land of Crimmins Realty Corporation 300 feet to an iron pin in the ground; thence N 65° W along said last named land 301.8 feet to an iron pin in the ground in the easterly line of said Breckenridge St; thence southwesterly along the easterly line of said Breckenridge Street 306.9 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1.8 acres more or less."

"Tract II: Beginning at an iron pin in the ground in the northerly line of Park Street and at the southeasterly corner of other land now or formerly of Nellum Realty Trust; thence S 65° 03'E along the northerly line of said Park Street a distance of one hundred thirty six (136) feet to an iron pin in the ground at the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Roland Massey; thence

N 24° 57'E along line of said last named land a distance of one hundred twenty (120) feet to an iron pin in the ground at the northwesterly corner of said land of Massey; and in line of land now or formerly of Crimmins Realty Corporation; thence

N 65° 03'W along said other land of Crimmins Realty Corporation a distance of six and 5/10 (6.5) feet to a point; thence

N24° 57'E along said last named land a distance of one hundred sixty (160) feet to a point in the southerly line of a private street to be known as Alden Street; thence

N 65° 03'W along the southerly line of said private street a distance of ten (10) feet to a corner of said private street; thence

N 24° 57'E along the westerly line of said private street to be known as Alden Street a distance of twenty (20) feet to a point; thence

N 65° 03'W along line of land of said Crimmins Realty Corporation a distance of one hundred nineteen and 5/10 (119.5) feet to an iron pin in the ground at the north-easterly corner of said other land of grantors; thence

S 24° 57'W along line of said other land of grantors a distance of three hundred (300) feet to the point of beginning"

or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Sections 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 which provides altered standards for granting of real estate tax exemptions to surviving spouses (Clause 17D, Chapter 59 of the General Laws), and to persons 70 years of age (Clause 41C, Chapter 59 of the General Laws), a copy of

which is on file at the Assessor's Office with a detailed explanation, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will authorize the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee to accept an Equal Educational Opportunity Grant for Fiscal 1988 in the amount of \$7,062 under the provisions of Chapter 188, Section 5, of the Acts of 1985, said grant to be expended by the School Committee for direct service expenditures, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to accept an amendment to the Agreement establishing the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District (the "District") as proposed by vote of the District School Committee adopted on April 8, 1987. The amendment provides for the admission of the Town of Ware as a new member town. The amendment specifies in substance (a) that Ware will have one member of the School Committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen and the local School Committee, acting jointly, to serve until the next annual District election, at which a successor shall be elected from the Town of Ware to serve for a term of three years from such election; (b) that all members of the District School Committee shall be elected by all the voters of the District at an annual District election to be held in several sessions, one such session to be held in each member town on the same day as the Annual Town Election, with each member town having a population of less than 10,000 persons according to the most recent decennial national census being entitled to one member and each member town having a population of 10,000 persons or more according to said census being entitled to two members. The members of the District School Committee incumbent on the effective date of such amendment shall hold office until the year in which their terms expire and until their successors have been elected and qualified. After the effective date of such amendment, in every year in which the term of office of a member expires, there shall be elected to membership on the District School Committee one resident of the same town as that of the member whose term has expired, to serve for a term of three years from the date of his or her election; (c) that for the first year of its membership a new member town will contribute as its entire share of the operating costs of the District for such year an amount equal to what it would pay if the students from the new town enrolled in the regional district school were tuition pupils, and the new member town will also be responsible for all the transportation costs of those students. After its first year of membership a new town will pay its share of operating costs and capital costs apportioned in accordance with Section IV of the Agreement, except that, as reimbursement to the original members of the District for their payments of capital costs on the original regional district school building, each new member town will pay to the District for a period of five years, commencing with the second year of the new town's membership and continuing through the sixth year of such membership, an annual surcharge of \$92,000; (d) for the admission as of July 1, 1987 of the Town of Ware if it votes to accept the amended District Agreement following the acceptance by each of the existing member towns of the amendment admitting the Town of Ware. Copies of the District Agreement as amended and as proposed to be amended, as described in this Article, are available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote (1) to approve or disapprove the amount of the \$5.5 million debt authorized on April 29, 1987 by the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District School Committee for the purpose of financing costs of reconstructing, remodeling and constructing an addition to the regional district school, including costs incidental and related thereto, which authorization was conditioned upon the approval by the State Board of Education of a grant to the District in an amount equal to at least 75% of such costs, provided that approval shall be subject to the admission of the Town of Ware as a new member town of the District, and (2) to join in the petition of the District for a special act of the General Court authorizing the State Board of Education to approve such grant.

**ARTICLE 16.** To choose committees and give them instructions.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies in some one public place in each of the four villages of the Town, known as the Depot Village, Thorndike, Three Rivers and Bondsville, fourteen days at least before holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the holding of said meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Theodore M. Kellogg  
s/Mary A. Fogarty  
s/Harold L. Olson

I have served the foregoing warrant as therein ordered by posting up an attested copy thereof, at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting, in one public place in each of the four villages of the Town known as the Depot Village, Thorndike, Three Rivers and Bondsville Post Office in each of the said villages and in the Town Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Edward J. Jasak  
Constable of the  
Town of Palmer

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - June 8, 1987**

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer qualified to vote in town affairs, held at Palmer High School on Monday, June 8, 1987 at seven o'clock in the evening, the following business was transacted, viz;

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. 231 voters were present. After a moment of silence for Representative William Moriarty, a partial reading of the warrant calling the meeting was voted dispensed, and Article 1 was taken up.

**ARTICLE 1. VOTED:** To hear and act on reports of Committees.

**ARTICLE 2. VOTED:** That the sum of \$26,000.00 be transferred from available funds in the Treasury to supplement the Police Salaries Account for Fiscal Year 1987.

**ARTICLE 3. VOTED:** That the sum of \$3,500.00 be transferred from available funds in the Treasury to supplement the Sanitary Landfill, Contracted Services Account for Fiscal Year 1987.

**ARTICLE 4. VOTED:** That the sum of \$10,335.00 be transferred from available funds in the Treasury to supplement the Consulting Engineer Account for Fiscal Year 1987.

**ARTICLE 5. VOTED:** That the sum of \$35,000.00 be transferred from available funds in the Treasury for the improvement of Burleigh Park.

**ARTICLE 6. VOTED:** That the sum of \$15,000.00 be appropriated to reconstruct Mason Street, now called Peterson Street, from Old Warren Road.

**ARTICLE 7. VOTED:** That the sum of \$1,500.00 be transferred from available funds in the Treasury for use by the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution Committee to fund projects being developed to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Constitution.

**ARTICLE 8. VOTED:** That the Town accept Chapter 32B, Section 7A of the Massachusetts General Laws which will allow the Town, in addition to the payment of fifty per cent of a premium for contributory group life and health insurance for employees in the service of the Town and their dependents, pay a subsidiary or additional rate.

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**ARTICLE 11. VOTED:** The Committee's recommendation to indefinitely postpone this article was defeated by majority vote. The article was passed by 2/3 vote being 127 in favor and 45 opposed.

**ARTICLE 12. VOTED:** That the Town accept Sections 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 which provides altered standards for granting of real estate tax exemptions to surviving spouses (Clause 17D, Chapter 59 of the General Laws) and to persons 70 years of age (Clause 41C, Chapter 59 of the General Laws), a copy of which is on file at the Assessor's office with a detailed explanation.

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**ARTICLE 15. VOTED:** That the Town (1) approve the amount of the \$5.5 million debt authorized on April 29, 1987 by the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District School Committee for the purpose of financing costs of reconstructing, remodeling and constructing an addition to the regional district school, including costs incidental and related thereto, which authorization was conditioned upon the approval by the State Board of Education of a grant to the District in an amount equal to at least 75% of such costs, provided that approval shall be subject to the admission of the Town of Ware as a new member of the District, and 92% join in the petition of the

District for a special act of the General Court authorizing the State Board of Education to approve such grant.

**ARTICLE 16. VOTED:** To choose committees and give them instructions.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM and so declared by the moderator.

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Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

In accordance with Chapter 41, Section 61 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby submit the following financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987:

- Balance Sheet—General Accounts
- Balance Sheet—Debt Accounts
- Balance Sheet—Trust and Investments
- Statement of Cash Receipts
- Statement of Cash Disbursements
- Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Balances
- Statement of Bonded Indebtedness
- Statement of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds
- Statement of Reserve Account Transfers

In accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 23 as amended, the Director of Accounts, Department of Revenue, certified that the amount of available funds for "free cash" as of July 1, 1987 for the Town of Palmer was \$900,851.

I wish to express my appreciation to my office staff, the Board of Selectmen, officials and personnel of all Town Departments and Committees, for their assistance and cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Sugrue  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**BALANCE SHEET — JUNE 30, 1987**

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

## ASSETS

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

CASH:						
IN BANKS:						
Revenue Cash	461,348.71					
TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS:						
Revenue Cash	507,101.41					
Non-Revenue Cash	395,504.95					
	<u>7,733.39</u>					
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:						
TAXES:						
FY-1986 Levy:						
Real Estate	26,097.08					
FY-87 Taxes to be Committed Less Payments of 625,213.35	<u>3,584,192.62</u>					
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:						
1985	2,350.51					
1986	5,670.88					
	<u>65,066.97</u>					
OVERPAYMENTS TO BE REFUNDED:						
Group Life Insurance						
Health Insurance Refund						

**ASSETS****SEWER AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:**

SEWER AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:	
SEWER USER CHARGES:	
FY-1986	4,410.00
FY-1987	28,466.79
Sewer Liens Added to	
FY86 Taxes	19.00

**Committed Interest on Sewer User Fees Added to**

FY-87 Taxes	65.00
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**TAXES IN LITIGATION**

<b>TAX TITLES AND POSSESSIONS:</b>	
Tax Titles	85,583.02
Tax Possessions	717.94

**DEPARTMENTAL**

Selectmen	7,700.00
Veterans	6,267.39
Schools	655.00
Cemetery	3,483.39
Water Pollution Control—	
Cost Sharing	184,964.83

**FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS:**

State Aided Street Sewer Improvement Projects	509,230.00
Federal Aided Water Pollution Control Project	374,986.00
State Aided Water Pollution Control Project	63,865.00
	948,081.00

**LIABILITIES AND RESERVES****AGENCY:**

County—Dog License Fees	4,999.50
District—Proceeds of Tax Possession Sales	11.50
Police—Off-Duty Work Detail	<u>12,372.01</u>
	17,383.01

**TAILINGS:**

Unclaimed Checks	6,964.06
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**GIFTS AND BEQUESTS:**

School Department	485.35
Council on Aging	72.48
Historical Commission	210.65
Local Arts Lottery Council	2,976.94
Police Department	480.00

**TRUST FUND INCOME:**

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	920.00
Fuller Fund for Parks and Schools	<u>1,841.74</u>
	2,761.74

**FEDERAL GRANT:**

General	
Federal Revenue Sharing	
Trust Fund	

7,733.39

**ASSETS****DUE FROM STATE:**

Urban Renewal Project  
Palmer Industrial Park

State Aid to Highways

Revenue, FY-1988

**LOANS, AUTHORIZED:**

Water Pollution Control  
Project  
Street Sewer Improvement

510,705.30	
142,389.00	Schools
10,173,262.22	Professional Development Grant Chapter 188 Title I PL 89-313
	Chapter I 87-227-137
	Chapter I 86-227-137
	Title 3 PL 85-864
	Equal Educational Opportunity Grant—Chapter 188
	Remedial Education Project Chapter 188
	Title II PL 98-337
	Mass. In-Service Grant
	Chapter II Block Grant—1987
	Perkins Act Grant
	Title VI 262-149-7-0227-5
	Title VIB 240-207-7-0227-5
	1987 Professional Development Grant
<u>1,648,000.00</u>	<u>1,883,150.00</u>
<u>19,049,834.20</u>	

**FEDERAL GRANTS:**

Schools

Professional Development Grant Chapter 188	.55
Title I PL 89-313	552.56
Chapter I 87-227-137	7,559.40
Chapter I 86-227-137	10,347.82
Title 3 PL 85-864	507.43
Equal Educational Opportunity Grant—Chapter 188	309.47
Remedial Education Project Chapter 188	60,360.00
Title II PL 98-337	305.00
Mass. In-Service Grant	.50
Chapter II Block Grant—1987	1,000.00
Perkins Act Grant	3,508.26
Title VI 262-149-7-0227-5	1,875.00
Title VIB 240-207-7-0227-5	14,895.62
1987 Professional Development Grant	1.00
FY87 Municipal Equalization Grant	<u>.03</u>
	<u>101,222.64</u>

## ASSETS

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

STATE GRANTS:	
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	1,174.53
Chapter 90—Public Works	
Economic Development Prog.	
Chapter 811 Acts of 1985	125,878.87
Community Development	
Block Grant—Pay Back	37,577.42
Small Cities Program	
Grant—Pay Back	2,701.03
Transportation Bond Issue—Chapt.	.29
637-Sec. 3 Acts of 1983	
Hazardous Waste Facility Site	
Safety Council Tech. Grant-	
Water Study	150.00
Abutting Communities	2,450.00
Dept. of Elder Affairs,	
Council on Aging	9,793.03
Energy Conservation	
Improvement Grant	.72
Municipal Detention Center Grant	3,477.31
Energy Conservation Improvement	
Grant—Assessment 1983 Ch. 700	360.00
	183,563.20
REVOLVING FUNDS:	
School Lunch	60,993.26
School Athletics	2,687.03
School—Lost Text Book Acct.	467.45
Adult Education	2,962.66
Mental Health Transportation	58,072.00
Right-to-Know Law	1,196.00
Anti-Trust Food Settlement	376.89
Premium on Loans	1,811.00
	128,566.29

**ASSETS****LIABILITIES AND RESERVES**

APPROPRIATION CONTROL, FY-1988	10,250,502.22
<b>APPROPRIATION BALANCES:</b>	
Revenue	926,776.98
Non-Revenue	<u>395,504.95</u>
<b>LOANS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED:</b>	
Water Pollution Control Project	235,150.00
Street Sewer Improvement Project	<u>1,648,000.00</u>
<b>OVERESTIMATES:</b>	
County Tax FY1987	.33
Chapter 766—Special Education FY1987	<u>52.00</u>
<b>SALE OF REAL ESTATE FUND</b>	
<b>RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION:</b>	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	17,741.00
<b>RESERVE FUND—OVERLAY SURPLUS</b>	
<b>OVERLAYS RESERVED FOR ABATEMENT</b>	
FY-1983 Levy	122.85
FY-1984 Levy	30,814.76
FY-1985 Levy	60,863.07
FY-1986 Levy	73,310.08
FY-1987 Levy	<u>190,215.62</u>
	355,326.38

**ASSETS****LIABILITIES AND RESERVES**

REVENUES RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED:	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	73,088.36
Tax Titles and Possessions	98,300.96
Departmental	203,070.61
State Aid to Highways	142,389.00
State Aided Urban Renewal Assist.	
Grant—Palmer Industrial Park	510,705.30
Sewer User Charge	32,960.79
State Aided Street Sewer Improvement Project	<u>9,230.00</u>
	<u>1,069,745.02</u>
<b>SURPLUS REVENUE</b>	<b><u>1,234,173.33</u></b>
	<b><u>19,049,834.20</u></b>

**DEBT ACCOUNTS****ASSETS****LIABILITIES AND RESERVES**

New Funded or Fixed Debt:	
Inside Debt Limit:	
General	272,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:	
General	1,774,100.00
	<u>2,046,100.00</u>

**TRUST FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS****ASSETS****LIABILITIES AND RESERVES****Trust Funds and Investments:****Cash and Securities:****In Custody of Treasurer**

		In Custody of Treasurer:
	346,223.70	Thompson Fund-Welfare
		Merrick Fund-Schools
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds
		Inez Burleigh Fuller School Fund
		Inez Burleigh Fuller Park Fund
		Conservation Fund
		Stabilization Fund
	<u><u>346,223.70</u></u>	
		<u><u>346,223.70</u></u>

**Serial Loans:****Inside Debt Limit:****General:**

Palmer Public Library- Purchase and Renovation Project	15,000.00
Street Sewer Improvement Project	257,000.00

**Outside Debt Limit:****General:**

Local Flood Control	15,000.00
Urban Renewal Project- Palmer Industrial Park	765,000.00
Water Pollution Control Project	994,100.00
	<u><u>1,774,100.00</u></u>

**General:****Local Flood Control****Urban Renewal Project-****Palmer Industrial Park****Water Pollution****Control Project****General:****Local Flood Control****Urban Renewal Project-****Palmer Industrial Park****Water Pollution****Control Project**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS**  
**Year Ending June 30, 1987**

**TAXES-LOCAL**

Current Year's Levy:

Real Estate	622,578.35
Personal Property	<u>2,635.00</u>
	625,213.35

Prior Year's Levy:

Real Estate	261,308.76
Personal Property	11,233.10
Tax Title Redemption	<u>25,449.59</u>
	297,991.45

Other Local Taxes

Motor Vehicle Excise	446,874.87
Farm Animal Excise	1,101.75
Trailer Coach Fees	<u>11,028.00</u>
	459,004.62

**TOTAL TAXES-LOCAL**

1,382,209.42

**STATE SHARED TAXES**

Loss of Taxes and Abatements	57,849.34
Education Basis	2,899,058.00
Local Aid Fund-Lottery	482,790.00
Local Aid-General Fund	<u>180,829.00</u>

**TOTAL STATE SHARED TAXES**

3,620,526.34

**LICENSES:**

Alcoholic Beverages	13,755.00
Licenses Issued by Selectmen	7,916.50
Licenses Issued by Board of Health	3,740.00
Gas Storage Permits & Renewals	<u>1,959.00</u>

**TOTAL LICENSES**

27,370.50

**PERMITS:**

38,948.50

**FINES-COURT:**

39,350.00

**FEDERAL FUNDS:**

Transferred from Federal	
Revenue Sharing	225,000.00

**SCHOOL FUNDS:**

School Lunch Program	94,841.86
Title I Proj. #200-146-7-0227-5	8,250.00
Chapt. 187-227-13	73,014.18
Chapt. 188 School Improvement Fund	17,160.00
Chapt. 188 Equal Educational	
Improvement Grant	62,162.00
Chapt. 188 #393-126-7-227-5	100,000.00
Chapt. 188 Horace Mann Grant	13,350.00
381-012-7-0227-5 Comm. In-Service	
Towards Excellence Through Adm. Proj.	2,396.00
Chapt. II Block Grant	15,571.00
400-081-7-0227-5 Perkins Act Grant	8,412.00

Title VI 262-148-6-0227-5 Early Childhood Allocation Program Proj.	9,500.00
Title VI-B 262-149-7-0227-5 Early Childhood Allocation	1,875.00
Title VI-B 240-207-7-0227-5 1987 Professional Develop. Grant	55,462.00
380-088-7-0227-5 Writing Management Project	64,323.00
380-087-7-0227-5 Study Skills Transition Program for Refugee Children	1,159.00
	<u>2,683.00</u>
	<u>499.12</u>

TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS 530,658.16

**STATE FUNDS:**

School Lunch Program	16,552.23
School Building Assistance	16,386.90
Library Aid	5,694.50
Municipal Equalization	
Grant-Library	7,435.61
Additional Aid-Public Library	3,302.00
State Aid to Highways	158,245.00
Energy Improvements—Schools	16,386.88
1985 State Census Reimbursement	2,785.00
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	1,174.53
Department of Community Affairs—	
Palmer Industrial Park	85,117.55
Reimbursement-Cost of Chemicals	
Palmer Water Pollution Control	
Facilities	12,686.00
Local Aid - Arts Lottery	8,919.00
Municipal Detention Center Grant	4,552.13
Secretary of Elder Affairs	9,872.00
Public Works Economic Development	
Program	<u>84,631.00</u>

TOTAL STATE FUNDS 433,740.33

**FEES FOR CURRENT SERVICES:**

General Government	
Selectmen	1.50
Board of Appeals	1,270.00
Tax Collector	11,097.89
Planning Board	3,085.75
Assessors	89.50
Treasurer	<u>35.00</u>
	<u>15,579.64</u>
Public Safety	
Conservation Comm.	225.00
Police Department	3,320.75
Sealer	<u>2,420.00</u>
	<u>5,965.75</u>
Health	
Sanitary Landfill	
Landfill Permits	8,853.00
Waste Disposal	<u>46,620.00</u>
	<u>55,473.00</u>

Wastewater Treatment		
Sewer User Fees	446,541.05	
Sewer Entrance Fees	3,882.50	
Other Receipts	<u>14,465.00</u>	464,888.55

Parks & Recreation .		
Registration Fees		2,645.00

Parking Clerk		
Fines		3,740.00

Cemeteries		
Sale of Lots	2,550.00	
Open Graves	5,750.00	
Foundations	<u>932.99</u>	9,232.99

Schools		
School Lunch Program	131,016.89	
School Athletics	8,651.47	
Tuition—State Wards	6,288.00	
Other Tuition	3,824.00	
Adult Education	1,911.00	
School Gift	500.00	
Lost Text Books	<u>467.45</u>	152,658.81

TOTAL FEES FOR CURRENT SERVICES		710,183.74
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#### **REIMBURSEMENT FOR CURRENT SERVICES:**

School Transportation	159,062.00	
County-Care & Disposing of Dogs	4,641.00	
Veterans' Services	25,897.13	
City of Springfield-Leo J. Santucci		
Pension	3,661.00	
Town of South Hadley-Leo J. Santucci		
Pension	2,807.00	
Cost of Living Reimbursement	4,026.42	
Reimbursement for Polling Hours	<u>2,369.88</u>	

TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR CURRENT EXPENSES		202,464.43
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#### **UNCLASSIFIED:**

Public Phone Commission	82.96	
Damage to Town Properties	993.74	
Diamond International Corp.-Share of Capital Cost-WPC Project	27,032.89	
Tailings	1,365.79	
Workmen's Compensation—Audit		
Premium Credit	629.00	
Community Development Loan		
Program-Payback	37,577.42	
Set Aside Program Payback	2,701.03	
Premium on Loans	<u>1,811.00</u>	
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED		72,193.83

#### **INTEREST:**

Certificates of Deposit	21,448.14	
Taxes and Assessments	19,296.56	
Sewer User Fees	2,166.82	

Investment Funds	55,478.80
Trust Funds	17,628.68
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	9,394.98
Conservation Fund	7,968.56
Merrick Fund	59.16
Thompson Fund	66.22
Fuller Fund	208.84
Diamond International Corp. -	
WPC Proj.-Cost Sharing Agreement	4,265.44
Municipal Detention Grant	179.52
Treasurer's NOW Account	<u>21,585.59</u>
 TOTAL INTEREST	 159,747.31
 <b>MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:</b>	
Anticipation of Revenue Loan	1,050,000.00
Anticipation of Federal & State Grants	938,000.00
Anticipation of Serial Bond	<u>396,100.00</u>
 TOTAL MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS	 2,384,100.00
 <b>RENTAL-TOWN PROPERTIES</b>	 21,300.00
 <b>AGENCY:</b>	
Police-Off Duty Work Detail	25,260.79
County Dog Licenses	5,112.25
Payroll Deductions	
Federal Taxes	702,462.81
Mass. Taxes	249,484.02
Group Life Ins.	4,833.60
Voluntary Life Ins.	5,477.12
Group Health Ins.	181,201.05
County Retirement	115,611.86
Medicare	<u>6,260.74</u>
 TOTAL AGENCY	 1,295,704.24
 <b>TRUST:</b>	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	3,860.00
 <b>INVESTMENTS:</b>	
Certificates of Deposit	3,546,000.00
Redemption of Trust Investments	788,065.44
Government Investment Account	<u>3,828,377.79</u>
 TOTAL INVESTMENTS	 8,162,443.23
 <b>REFUNDS:</b>	
Credited to Appropriations	<u>17,163.93</u>
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 19,326,963.96
Add Cash Balance, July 1, 1986	1,406,416.26
Add Warrants Payable	<u>358,770.62</u>
 Less: Cash Disbursements	 21,092,150.84
Cash Balance, June 30, 1987	<u>20,630,802.13</u>
	461,348.71

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS  
FY-1987

Entitlement No.	Balance July 1, 1986	Receipts Principal	FY-1987 Interest	Total	Expenditures FY-1987	Balance June 30, 1987
16	21,817.25	-0-	463.11	22,280.36	22,280.36	-0-
17	118,058.51	88,286.00	4,108.52	210,453.03	202,719.64	7,733.39
	139,875.76	88,286.00	4,571.63	232,733.39	225,000.00	7,733.39

**STATEMENT OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS**  
**Year Ending June 30, 1987**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**SELECTMEN:**

Board Salaries	6,678.00
Selectmen's Clerical	10,281.05
Office Expenses & Supplies	897.07
Postage	785.77
Telephone	1,400.23
Travel & Conference	2,599.86
Town Meeting Expenses	417.29
Warrant Expenses	97.60
Copier Supplies & Rental	1,778.87
Dues	1,025.00
Contract Negotiations	4,652.34
Service Contracts	769.18
Miscellaneous	<u>218.77</u>
	31,601.03

Selectmen's Equipment	3,547.00
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Computerization Program	754.73
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**SELECTMEN'S CONTINGENT ACCOUNT:** 898.27

Audit of Municipal Accounts:	9,550.00
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**TOWN ACCOUNTANT/EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:**

Salary	24,253.00
Clerical	11,848.31
Travel & Conferences	822.44
Office Expense & Supplies	<u>137.12</u>
	37,060.87

**TOWN TREASURER:**

Salary	21,517.00
Clerical	21,758.78
Telephone	545.68
Office Expense & Supplies	631.58
Travel	539.07
Data Processing Service	4,349.10
Surety Bond	405.00
Stationery & Postage	2,502.73
Tax Title Expense	50.00
Certification Fees	395.00
Bank Service Charge	<u>5,282.91</u>
	57,976.85

**TAX COLLECTOR:**

Salary	21,517.00
Clerical	27,040.00
Office Expense & Supplies	986.45
Telephone	435.26
Surety Bond	681.00
Travel, Dues, Misc.	620.40
Stationery & Postage	3,994.73
Printing Tax Bills	2,212.26
Tax Title Expense	799.50

Postage Meter & Scale	575.50
Micro Reader Equipment	32.00
Computer Expense	1,150.00
Maintenance of Equipment	<u>45.00</u>
	60,089.10

**TOWN CLERK:**

Salary	21,867.00
Clerical	13,942.00
Telephone	739.78
Office Expense & Supplies	792.55
Stationery & Postage	386.87
Bookbinding	1,092.83
Travel	756.79
Bond	50.00
Miscellaneous	<u>25.25</u>
	39,653.07

ART. 20 - ATM 5/7/84

State Census	70.00
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**ELECTION & REGISTRATION:**

Registrars' Salaries	2,836.00
Election Officers	6,048.09
Ballots	645.50
Voting Lists/Tally Sheets	873.10
Office Expense & Supplies	1,848.65
Registration & Listing	6,393.76
Street Lists	1,477.98
Travel	<u>32.90</u>
	20,155.98

**ASSESSORS:**

Board Salaries	5,599.23
Clerical	26,617.00
Telephone	562.32
Photostats	636.50
Office Expense & Supplies	1,505.95
Travel	2,526.25
Computer Maintenance Costs	1,483.46
Binding	620.38
Copier Maintenance	316.65
Typewriter	<u>530.00</u>
	40,397.74

Revaluation of Properties

96,550.00

Assessor's Mapping

11,300.00

**LAW AND CLAIMS:**

Salary of Town Counsel	4,675.00
Special Legal Services	1,875.00
Claims & Expenses	<u>1,648.94</u>
	8,198.94

Out-of-Court Settlement

STM 10/27/86—ART. 3

5,000.00

**LICENSE COMMISSION:**

Office Expense	27.25
Clerical	371.00
Travel	<u>1,022.75</u>
	1,421.00

<b>MEMORIAL HALL:</b>		
Custodian's Salary	3,999.00	
Electricity & Water	1,347.14	
General Supplies	152.82	
Repairs	233.99	
Snow Removal	88.75	
Fuel	1,464.71	
Sewer Fee	150.00	7,436.41
<b>PALMER TOWN BUILDING:</b>		
Custodian's Salary	5,943.00	
Lights/Heat/Water	9,841.29	
Gen. Bldg. Supplies/Exp.	1,942.75	
Misc. Repairs	3,933.17	
Sewer Fee	525.00	
Floor Cleaning	1,295.00	
Misc.	104.22	23,584.43
 Custodial Services—Town		
Admin. Building		1,425.00
Handicap Ramp—Town		
Admin. Building		
ART. 22, ATM 5/19/86		61.56
 <b>TOWN ENGINEER SALARY:</b>		7,012.00
 <b>CONSULTING ENGINEER:</b>		28,224.42
 <b>FINANCE COMMITTEE:</b>		
Salary of Secretary	634.50	
Clerical	228.00	
Office Expense/Supplies/		
Seminars	430.27	
Printing	373.40	1,666.17
 <b>PLANNING BOARD:</b>		
Admin. Assist. - Zoning Bds.	13,032.63	
Office Expense & Supplies	1,872.93	
Telephone	561.08	
Legal Notices	1,889.34	
Engineering Services	904.40	18,260.38
 Recodification of By-Laws		
ART. 21, ATM 5/19/86		6,500.00
 <b>BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSES:</b>		1,902.67
 <b>PERSONNEL ADVISORY BOARD:</b>		-0-
 <b>COUNCIL ON AGING:</b>		
Salary of Director	11,499.52	
Salary of Drivers	10,756.51	
Office Supplies/Postage	1,124.65	
Van Insurance	1,011.00	
Telephone	554.41	
Travel	23.12	24,969.21

State Grant - Dept. of Elder Affairs	5,577.13
<b>TOWN MODERATOR:</b>	159.00
<b>PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:</b>	
Park Maintenance	1,350.00
Fidelity Bond	470.00
Misc.	<u>14.25</u>
	1,834.25
Palmer Industrial Park—Urban Renewal Project	7,249.83
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OFFICE:</b>	12,978.05
<b>SMALL CITIES PROGRAM GRANT:</b>	4,406.00
<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>577,471.09</b>
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY</b>	
<b>POLICE:</b>	
Salary of Chief, Encumbered	777.67
Salary of Chief	41,254.63
Salary of Patrolmen, Encumbered	18,165.03
Patrolmen	<u>496,649.17</u>
Clerical	31,331.00
Matron & Other Services	555.00
Court Prosecutor	5,771.00
Clothing & Equipment for Men	7,198.61
Gas & Oil	18,453.30
Radio Repairs	1,905.08
Maintenance of Cruisers	5,476.02
Telephone	2,872.96
Office Expense & Supplies	5,120.10
Lock-up Expense (Meals, etc.)	315.02
Officer's Training School	1,833.37
Chief of Police-Car Allowance	1,000.30
WMLEC	250.00
Ammo/Drugs/Narc.	482.42
Other Expenses	382.12
Telephone System	613.56
Medical	<u>5,670.84</u>
	646,077.20
Police Cruisers:	21,611.03
Police Equipment	14,176.00
Municipal Detention Center Grant:	1,254.34
<b>AUXILIARY POLICE EXPENSES:</b>	1,008.35
<b>CIVIL DEFENSE:</b>	
Salary	600.00
Other Expense	<u>88.04</u>
	688.04

<b>FOREST WARDEN:</b>		
Salary	2,748.00	
Telephone	52.86	
Firemen	210.00	
Gas & Oil	116.12	
Supplies/Repairs	87.33	
Radio	1,998.00	
Out-of-District Fires	<u>3,943.00</u>	9,155.31
<b>FORESTRY DEPARTMENT:</b>		
Labor	1,168.00	
Equipment Hire	5,015.90	
Supplies and Repairs	342.81	
Insect Pest Control	718.50	
Dutch Elm Disease Control	<u>1,225.00</u>	8,470.21
<b>SEALER:</b>		
Salary	1,908.00	
Equipment and Supplies	<u>69.65</u>	1,977.65
<b>DOG OFFICER:</b>		
Salary	1,832.00	
Boarding of Dogs	6,210.00	
Destroying of Dogs	910.00	
Telephone	209.30	
Electricity	878.32	
Travel	960.00	
Equipment & Supplies	<u>182.85</u>	11,182.47
<b>GAS INSPECTOR-SALARY &amp; EXPENSES:</b>		351.00
<b>TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS:</b>		175.00
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION EXPENSES:</b>		1,271.65
<b>WIRE INSPECTOR-SALARY &amp; EXPENSES:</b>		4,975.70
<b>HISTORICAL COMMISSION:</b>		562.22
<b>PARKING CLERK EXPENSES:</b>		2,015.67
<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR-SALARY &amp; EXPENSES:</b>		<u>13,265.63</u>
<b>TOTAL FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY</b>		738,217.47

#### **HEALTH AND SANITATION**

<b>HEALTH, BOARD OF:</b>		
Board Salaries	3,180.00	
Health Agent's Salary	1,466.00	
Office Expense & Supplies	546.82	
Travel	2,160.95	
Quaboag Valley Visiting Nurse Association	14,500.00	
Telephone	440.59	
Clinics	1,803.61	
Plumbing Inspector- Salary & Expenses	4,497.14	

Vermin Control-			
Salary	551.00		
Expenses	366.48		
Milk Inspector-			
Salary & Expenses	451.98		
Animal Inspector-			
Salary & Expenses	1,168.00		
Perc Test Inspector	2,320.00		
Home Care Service for			
the Elderly	1,200.00		
Vital Statistics	440.50		
Dog Clinic	75.00		
			35,168.07

**SANITARY LANDFILL:**

Contracted Services	91,499.04		
Other Expenses	1,533.94		
Salary of Caretaker	14,758.18		
			107,791.16

FY87-ART-16-Valley Human Services

4,500.00

**SEWER TRUNKMAIN CLEANING:**

2,950.00

**GENERAL SEWER MAINTENANCE:**

Equipment Supplies & Repair	447.18		
Pipe & Fittings	15.15		
Cleaning Catch Basins	9,000.00		
Catch Basins & Manholes	870.00		
			10,332.33

**LAKE THOMPSON SEWER PROJECT:**

162,295.68

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT:**

5,608.49

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:**

Salaries	178,767.91		
Chemicals	31,914.27		
Telephone	3,033.49		
Electricity	130,174.19		
Fuel	14,575.11		
Equipment Maintenance	54,387.08		
Lab Supplies	3,677.75		
Office Supplies/Postage	2,324.19		
Misc. Supplies	2,194.53		
Clothing	1,750.00		
Administrative Costs-			
Sewer User Fees	3,886.40		
Maintenance of Railroad			
Crossings	5,828.09		
Water	356.26		
Sludge Disposal	4,000.00		
Dues/Travel	547.44		
			437,416.71

Wastewater Treatment Plant Equipment

33,906.54

Cost of Chemicals - State reimbursement - P.W.P.C.

12,686.00

**TOTAL FOR HEALTH AND SANITATION**

812,654.98

## HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAY SALARIES:	241,306.48
<b>GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE:</b>	
Gas/Oil/Fuel	16,552.97
Telephone	906.82
Lights/Heat/Power/Water	3,100.87
Diesel Fuel Tax	263.01
Office Expenses & Supplies	1,133.47
Supplies/Equipment/Repairs	21,619.80
Painting Center Lines on Roads/Crosswalks	3,987.86
Clothing Allowance	1,350.00
Town Barn Maintenance	66.43
Rain & Safety Equipment	<u>262.20</u>
	49,243.43
<b>STREET SIGNS &amp; TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:</b>	
Materials/Supplies	375.92
Signs	438.89
Repairs to Traffic Signals	251.75
Electricity	<u>4,676.33</u>
	5,742.89
Highway Equipment and Repairs	4,450.36
<b>MAINTENANCE OF RAILROAD CROSSINGS:</b>	
Chapter 90—Public Works Economic Development Program-Chapter 811, Acts of 1985	50,502.29
FY87 ART. 17—Highway Construction & Improvement Project	49,669.74
Transportation Bond Issue Chapter 637, Section 3, Acts of 1983	109,791.19
<b>SIDEWALKS AND CURBS-</b>	
<b>GENERAL MAINTENANCE:</b>	
Concrete	1,050.00
Bituminous Materials	1,320.91
Supplies	<u>508.19</u>
	2,879.10
<b>SURFACE TREATMENT OF STREETS WITH</b>	
<b>BITUMINOUS MATERIALS:</b>	
Gravel/Sand	4,799.51
Liquid Bituminous Materials	11,163.46
Concrete Bituminous Materials	4,528.92
Equipment Hire	<u>75.00</u>
	20,566.89
<b>SNOW REMOVAL:</b>	
Equipment Hire for Plowing	7,066.00
Repairs/Tools/Equipment	4,736.10
Salt	12,661.91
Sand	<u>11,971.25</u>
	36,435.26
<b>STREET LIGHTING:</b>	
	71,856.02

TOTAL FOR HIGHWAYS

645,386.39

CHARITIES AND SOLDIER'S BENEFITS

**VETERAN'S BENEFITS:**

Salary of Agent	5,886.48
Administrative Expenses	357.71
Telephone	595.43
Hospital/Medical/Dental	12,563.27
Ordinary Allowances	9,896.25
Emergency Provisions/Clothing	125.00
Miscellaneous	<u>65.50</u>
	29,489.64

Veterans Benefits—Encumbered

1,100.00

TOTAL FOR CHARITIES AND SOLDIER'S BENEFITS

30,589.64

SCHOOLS

**SCHOOLS, OPERATION OF:**

Administration-Salaries	99,952.78
Administration-Expenses	46,888.60
Instruction-Salaries	3,032,624.57
Instruction-Expenses	210,822.62
Health	28,186.74
Custodians	196,680.36
Operation & Maintenance Of Plant	214,191.62
Other School Services	385,538.50
Insurance	45,150.00
Tuition	177,778.81
Trade School - Salary & Expenses	1,918.06
Special Gift Account	230.19
Community Services	100.00
Building Aides	59,736.44
Group Life Insurance	2,051.20
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	119,721.29
Medicare Tax	3,458.53
Replacement of Equipment	11,458.51
Acquisition of Equipment	21,406.82
Encumbered School Expenses	154,240.22
School Lunch-Salaries	88,157.16
School Lunch-Expenses	141,632.03
School Athletics	10,842.68
Adult Education	5,985.34
Title I PL 89-313	
Project #200-146-7-0227-5	7,697.44
Title I PL 89-313	
Project #200-125-6-0227-5	1,067.99
Chapter I 87-227-137	65,524.03
Chapter I 86-227-137	12,743.91
Chapter 188 School Improvement Funds	524.00
1987 School Improvement Grant—Chapter 188	17,160.00
Chapter 188—Equal Educational Opportunity Grant	73,490.70

1987 Computer Assisted Remedial Education	
Project #393-126-7-0227-5	39,640.00
Title II ESEA PL 98-337	
Improvement in Math & Science	570.68
Chapter 188—Horace Mann Grant	13,350.00
1987 Commonwealth In-Service Institute Toward Excellence Through Education Project	
#381-012-7-0227-5	2,396.00
Chapter II Educ. Consolidation & Improvement Act of 1984	13,797.00
1987 Chapter 2 Block Grant	14,571.00
Title VIB PL 94-142 Project	
#240-168-6-0227-5	17,658.66
Word Processing Project	
400-091-6-0227-5	292.80
Perkins Act Grant	
400-081-7-0227-5	4,903.74
Title VIB PL 94-142 Early Childhood Allocation Program	
Project #262-148-6-0227-5	19,000.00
Title VI #240-207-7-0227-5	40,566.38
1987 Professional Dev. Grant	64,322.00
Writing Management Project	
#380-088-7-0227-5	1,159.00
1987 Commonwealth In-Service Grant #380-087-7-0227-5	2,683.00
1987 Transition Program for Refugee Children	499.12
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District	<u>574,956.95</u>
<b>TOTAL FOR SCHOOLS</b>	<b>6,047,327.47</b>

#### LIBRARY

##### PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Operating Expenses	196,211.50
Local Arts Lottery Council	8,584.42
FY87 Municipal Equalization Grant	<u>7,435.58</u>

**TOTAL FOR LIBRARY** **212,231.50**

##### PARKS:

Labor	103,814.64
Truck Repairs/Expenses	1,909.85
Supplies/Repairs	6,795.49
Gas & Oil	3,090.29
Electricity/Water	2,069.24
Telephone	546.87
Fertilizer, Grass Seed, Mulch	1,385.14
Maint.-Burleigh Park	<u>700.30</u>
	120,311.82

Pee Wee Park Maintenance	1,579.13
Park Equipment	11,903.48

Nick Laviolette Park	1,588.19
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**RECREATION:**

Labor	20,815.47
Transportation	5,233.05
Supplies/Equipment	3,194.87
Printing	<u>131.76</u>
	29,375.15

FY87 ART. 12-Pee Wee Baseball
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Midget League	1,800.00
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FY87 ART. 13-Palmer Cowboy
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Football Team	1,800.00
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FY87 ART. 14 Palmer Lil' Girls
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Softball League	1,799.30
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**MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE:**

TOTAL FOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS	<u>2,978.11</u>
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173,135.18
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**CEMETERIES****CEMETERIES:**

Labor	43,756.83
Salary of Secretary	2,360.00
Truck Maintenance	586.42
Electricity/Water	289.98
Gas & Oil	1,530.40
General Supplies/Repairs	2,887.85
Fertilizer/Lime/Loam	900.00
Office Expense	53.62
Telephone	195.47
Tree Pruning & Removal	1,500.00
Equipment	<u>5,243.46</u>

TOTAL FOR CEMETERIES	59,304.03
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**PENSIONS**

County Retirement Assessment	235,612.00
Leo J. Santucci, Retirement	22,694.00
Stanley J. Strzemienski	
Retirement	<u>8,704.00</u>

TOTAL FOR PENSIONS	267,010.00
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**INSURANCE**

Blue Cross-Blue Shield	99,147.89
Group Life Insurance	2,411.20
General Insurance	174,332.09
Unemployment Insurance	6,360.00
Medicare Tax	<u>2,802.21</u>

TOTAL FOR INSURANCE	285,053.39
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**UNCLASSIFIED**

Town Reports	4,164.54
Certificate of Deposit-	
Cash	2,267,000.00
Repurchase Agreements	150,000.00
Government Investment Account	<u>4,181,073.13</u>
 TOTAL FOR UNCLASSIFIED	 6,602,237.67

**TEMPORARY LOANS**

Anticipation of Revenue Loan	600,000.00
Anticipation of Federal & State Grants-WPC Project	438,000.00
Anticipation of Serial Loan WPC Project	139,100.00
Anticipation of Serial Loan Calkins Road	257,000.00
Anticipation of Serial Loan Lake Thompson	<u>500,000.00</u>
 TOTAL FOR TEMPORARY LOANS	 1,934,100.00

**INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT****INTEREST:**

Three Rivers Flood Control	1,100.00
Urban Renewal Project	44,250.00
Purchase and Renovation of Library Bldg.	1,925.00
Wastewater Treatment Facilities	78,697.89
Calkins Road Sewer Project	13,714.31
Tax Anticipation Notes	6,190.00
Lake Thompson Sewer Project	<u>23,927.78</u>
	169,805.81

**MATURING DEBT:**

Principal-Three Rivers Flood Control	5,000.00
Principal-Palmer Industrial Park Urban Renewal	130,000.00
Principal-Wastewater Treatment Facilities	85,500.00
Principal-Purchase of Library Bldg.	10,000.00
Principal-Renovation of Library Bldg.	30,000.00
Principal - Calkins Road Sewer Project	<u>10,000.00</u>
	270,500.00

TOTAL FOR INTEREST & MATURING DEBT	440,305.81
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**STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS**

County Tax	217,173.67
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State Motor Vehicle Excise	
Tax	1,838.00
Pioneer Valley Planning	
Commission	1,708.35
Pioneer Valley Air	
Pollution Control District	<u>1,768.00</u>
TOTAL FOR STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	
	222,488.02

#### REFUNDS

##### ON TAXES:

Real Estate	12,456.53
Motor Vehicle Excise	4,189.86
Sewer User Fees	<u>150.00</u>

TOTAL FOR REFUNDS	16,796.39
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##### DOG LICENSES TO COUNTY:

587.50
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##### WARRANTS PAYABLE:

261,168.44
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#### AGENCY

Interest on Stabilization Fund	5,677.16
Interest on Conservation Fund	7,968.56
Tax Title Redemption—Due District	1,651.38
Police-Off Duty Work Detail	21,275.32
Payroll Deductions:	
Federal Withholding	702,462.81
State Withholding	249,484.02
County Retirement	114,154.54
Group Health Insurance	182,283.97
Group Life Insurance	4,793.60
Group Life—Voluntary	4,828.87
Medicare Tax	<u>6,296.93</u>

TOTAL FOR AGENCY	1,300,877.16
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#### TRUST

Perpetual Care Funds	3,860.00
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TOTAL FOR TRUST	<u>3,860.00</u>
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TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS	20,630,802.13
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**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1987**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Balance Surplus	Balance Forward
<b>SELECTMEN:</b>				
Board Salaries	6,678.00	6,678.00		
Clerical	11,019.00	10,281.05	737.95	
Other Expenses	14,642.00	14,641.98	.02	
Contingent Account	900.00	898.27		1.73
Audit of Municipal Accts.	9,550.00	9,550.00		
Equipment	3,547.00	3,547.00		
Computerization Program	800.00	754.73		45.27
<b>ACCOUNTANT/EXEC. SECR.:</b>				
Salary	24,253.00	24,253.00		
Clerical	13,937.00	11,848.31	2,088.69	
Other Expenses	989.50	959.56		29.94
<b>TREASURER:</b>				
Salary	21,517.00	21,517.00		
Clerical	21,759.00	21,758.78	.22	
Other Expenses	15,465.00	14,701.07	763.93	
Tax Title Foreclosures	3,012.59			3,012.59
<b>COLLECTOR:</b>				
Salary	21,517.00	21,517.00		
Clerical	27,040.00	27,040.00		
Other Expenses	12,580.00	11,532.10		1,047.90
<b>TOWN CLERK:</b>				
Salary	21,867.00	21,867.00		
Clerical	13,942.00	13,942.00		
Other Expenses	4,000.00	3,844.07		155.93
State Census ART. 20				
ATM 5/7/84	2,045.47	70.00		1,975.47
<b>ELECTION &amp; REGISTRATION:</b>				
Registrars' Salaries	2,836.00	2,836.00		
Other Expenses	19,390.00	17,319.98	2,070.02	
<b>ASSESSORS:</b>				
Salary	6,360.00	5,599.23		760.77
Clerical	26,617.00	26,617.00		
Other Expenses	9,450.00	8,181.51		1,268.49
Revaluation of Properties	97,089.88	96,550.00		539.88
Mapping—ART. 5 STM				
10/27/86	40,750.00	11,300.00		29,450.00
<b>TOWN COUNSEL:</b>				
Salary	4,675.00	4,675.00		
Other Expenses	2,000.00	1,648.94		351.06
Special Legal Services	2,000.00	1,875.00		125.00
Out-of-Court Settlement				
ART. 3, STM 10/27/86	5,000.00	5,000.00		

	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Surplus	Balance Forward
<b>LICENSE COMMISSION:</b>				
Expenses	1,050.00	1,050.00		
Clerk	371.00	371.00		
<b>MEMORIAL HALL:</b>				
Custodian's Salary	3,999.00	3,999.00		
Other Expenses	4,610.00	3,437.41	1,172.59	
<b>PALMER TOWN BUILDING:</b>				
Custodian's Salary	5,943.00	5,943.00		
Other Expenses	19,609.50	17,641.43	1,968.07	
Custodial Services	1,950.00	1,425.00	525.00	
Handicap Ramp—ART. 22				
ATM 5/19/86	3,500.00	61.56		3,438.44
<b>ENGINEERING:</b>				
Town Engineer - Salary	7,012.00	7,012.00		
Consulting Engineer	28,235.00	28,224.42	10.58	
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE:</b>				
Salary of Clerk	1,221.00	228.00	993.00	
Salary of Recording Secretary	636.00	634.50	1.50	
Other Expenses	3,285.00	803.67	2,481.33	
<b>PLANNING BOARD:</b>				
Sal. Admin. Asst. to Zoning Bds. & Bldg. Dept.	14,365.00	13,032.63	11,332.37	
Other Expenses	5,450.00	5,227.75	222.25	
Recodification of By-Laws ART. 21, ATM 5/19/86	6,500.00	6,500.00		
<b>BOARD OF APPEALS:</b>				
Expenses	1,585.00	1,584.67	.33	
Salary of Rec. Secretary	318.00	318.00		
<b>PERSONNEL BOARD:</b>				
Expenses	185.00		185.00	
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING:</b>				
Expenses	2,846.00	2,713.18	132.82	
Salary of Director	11,725.00	11,499.52	225.48	
Drivers Salaries	10,861.00	10,756.51	104.49	
<b>PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:</b>				
Expenses	1,850.00	1,834.25	15.75	
Industrial Park Urban Renewal	7,249.83	7,249.83		
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK</b>				
<b>GRANT OFFICE:</b>	30,663.31	12,978.05	17,685.26	
<b>MODERATOR:</b>	159.00	159.00		

**PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY**

	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Surplus	Balance Forward
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
Encumbered Salaries	18,955.12	18,942.70	12.42	
Salaries	590,195.00	575,005.80	15,189.20	
Other Expenses	52,232.25	52,128.70	103.55	
Equipment	14,176.00	14,176.00	0.00	
Police Cruisers	23,000.00	21,611.03	1,388.97	
Installation of Gas Tank	9,500.00			9,500.00
Auxiliary Police Expenses	1,400.00	1,008.35	391.65	
<b>CIVIL DEFENSE:</b>				
Salary	600.00	600.00	0.00	
Other Expenses	100.00	88.04	11.96	
<b>FOREST WARDEN:</b>				
Salary	2,748.00	2,748.00	0.00	
Other Expenses	3,301.82	2,464.31	837.51	
Out-of-District Fires	3,943.00	3,943.00	0.00	
<b>FORESTRY:</b>				
Labor	1,168.00	1,168.00	0.00	
Other Expenses	6,800.00	5,358.71	1,441.29	
Gypsy Moth Control	19,358.36			19,358.36
Dutch Elm Disease	4,793.00	1,225.00	3,568.00	
Insect Pest Control	1,500.00	718.50	781.50	
<b>SEALER:</b>				
Salary	1,908.00	1,908.00	0.00	
Other Expenses	875.00	69.65	805.35	
<b>DOG OFFICER:</b>				
Salary	1,832.00	1,832.00	0.00	
Other Expenses	9,930.00	9,350.47	579.53	
<b>GAS INSPECTOR:</b>				
Salary & Expenses	376.00	351.00	25.00	
<b>TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS:</b>	175.00	175.00	0.00	
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION:</b>				
Salary of Clerk	318.00	318.00	0.00	
Expenses	1,328.05	953.65	374.40	
Matching Funds - Scenic River Greenway Grant ART. 2 STM 6/24/85	900.00			900.00
<b>WIRE INSPECTOR:</b>				
Salary & Expenses	5,060.00	4,975.70	84.30	
Bi-Centennial of the U.S. Constitution—ART 7 STM 6/8/87	1,500.00			1,500.00
<b>HISTORICAL COMMISSION:</b>	700.00	562.22	137.78	

	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Surplus	Balance Forward
<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR:</b>	14,000.00	13,265.63	734.37	
<b>PARKING CLERK:</b>	2,016.00	2,015.67	.33	
<b>RENT CONTROL BOARD:</b>				
Other Expenses	200.00		200.00	
<b>DEMOLITION OF UNSAFE STRUCTURES</b>	3,000.00			3,000.00

#### HEALTH AND SANITATION

	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Surplus	Balance Forward
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH:</b>				
Salaries/Health Agent	4,646.00	4,646.00		
Other Expenses	8,308.00	8,306.44	1.56	
<b>MILK INSPECTION:</b>				
Salaries & Expenses	453.00	409.99	43.01	
<b>ANIMAL INSPECTION:</b>				
Salary & Expenses	1,168.00	1,168.00		
Vital Statistics	500.00	440.50	59.50	
<b>QUABOAG VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION:</b>	14,500.00	14,500.00		
<b>HOME CARE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY:</b>	1,200.00	1,200.00		
<b>PLUMBING INSPECTION:</b>				
Salary & Expenses	5,000.00	4,497.14	502.86	
<b>SANITARY LANDFILL:</b>				
Contracted Services	91,500.00	91,499.04	.96	
Other Expenses	1,600.00	1,533.94	66.06	
Salary of Caretaker	14,759.00	14,758.18	.82	
<b>ART. 17 FY87 QUABOAG VALLEY HUMAN SERVICES:</b>	4,500.00	4,500.00		
Matching Funds - Technical Assistance Grant - Bureau of Solid Waste	1,000.00			1,000.00
<b>GENERAL SEWER MAINTENANCE:</b>	13,200.00	10,332.33	2,867.67	
<b>SEWER TRUNK MAIN CLEANING:</b>	3,000.00	2,950.00	50.00	
Lake Thompson Sewer Project	466,288.40	162,295.68		303,992.72

	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Surplus	Balance Forward
Calkins Rd. Sewer Proj.	48,660.09			48,660.09
<b>WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:</b>				
Salaries	185,800.00	178,767.91	7,032.09	
Expenses	324,599.97	258,648.80	65,951.17	
Equipment	40,152.19	33,906.54		6,245.65
Water Pollution Control Proj.	7,932.12	5,608.49		2,323.63

#### HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS

	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Surplus	Balance Forward
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:</b>				
Salaries	276,303.00	241,306.48	34,996.52	
<b>GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINT.:</b>	66,057.50	49,243.43	16,814.07	
<b>STREET SIGNS:</b>	5,900.00	5,742.89		157.11
<b>HWY. DEPT. EQUIPMENT:</b>	12,868.04	4,450.36		8,417.68
<b>MAINT. OF RAILROAD CROSSINGS:</b>	2,943.00	2,942.74		.26
<b>BRIDGE MAINTENANCE:</b>	100.00			100.00
<b>SURFACE TREATMENT:</b>	36,520.00	20,566.89	15,953.11	
<b>SNOW REMOVAL:</b>	38,000.00	36,435.26		1,564.74
<b>STREET LIGHTING:</b>	80,076.00	71,856.02		8,219.98
ART. 7 STM 10/27/86 Highway Construction & Improvement Project	35,595.00			35,595.00
ART. 21 FY81 Chapter 90 Construction:	1,159.56			1,159.56
ART. 17 FY87 Highway Construction & Improvement Project:	49,820.00	49,669.74		150.26
ART. 18 FY85 Highway Construction and Improvement Project:	55,914.65			55,914.65
<b>GENERAL SIDEWALK MAINT.:</b>	4,000.00	2,879.10	1,120.90	
Eminent Domain Proceedings - Mason St.:	1,000.00			1,000.00

	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Surplus	Balance Forward
Surveying & Layout of Smith St. ART. 20, ATM 4/22/85	4,000.00			4,000.00
Surveying & Layout of Mason St., ART. 21, ATM 4/22/85	5,600.00			5,600.00
Gravel Mason St.—Precinct A ART. 19, ATM 5/19/86	15,150.00			15,150.00
Reconstruction of Mason St., Precinct A—ART. 6 STM 6/6/87	15,000.00			15,000.00

#### VETERANS' DEPARTMENT

##### **VETERANS' DEPARTMENT:**

Veterans' Agent Salary	5,932.00	5,886.48	45.52	
Veterans' Benefits	44,940.36	23,384.52	21,555.84	
Veterans' Other Expenses	1,850.00	1,018.64		831.36
Veterans' Benefits— Encumbered	1,900.00	1,100.00		800.00

#### EDUCATION

##### **PALMER PUBLIC SCHOOLS:**

Encumbered Salaries	888,454.94	419,057.94		469,397.90
Operations & Maintenance	4,989,426.90	4,905,521.90	83,905.00	
School Expenses—Encumbered	160,873.50	154,240.22	6,633.28	
Public Schools Support & Maint. - Encumb. FY87	197,515.59			197,515.59
Pathfinder Regional Technical Vocational High School District	599,459.00	574,956.95	24,502.05	

##### **PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

<b>LIBRARY RENOVATIONS</b>	40,528.51			40,528.51
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##### **PARKS DEPARTMENT:**

Salaries	111,962.00	103,814.64	8,147.36	
Other Expenses	17,550.00	16,497.18	1,052.82	
Pee Wee Park Maint.	1,600.00	1,579.13	20.87	
Park Equipment	12,999.31	11,903.48		1,095.83
Nick Lavolette Field	3,200.00	1,588.19	11.81	1,600.00
Improvements to Burleigh Park—ART. 5, STM 6/8/86	35,000.00			35,000.00

##### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT:**

Salaries	20,818.00	20,815.47	2.53	
Other Expenses	11,125.00	8,559.68	2,565.32	

ART 12 FY87 Pee Wee Midget Baseball League	1,800.00	1,800.00	
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ART 13 FY87 Palmer Cowboy Football Team	1,800.00	1,800.00	
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	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Surplus	Balance Forward
ART 14 FY87 Lil' Girls Softball League	1,800.00	1,799.30	.70	
<b>CELEBRATIONS:</b>				
Memorial Day Observance	2,979.00	2,978.11	.89	
<b>CEMETERY</b>				
<b>CEMETERY DEPARTMENT:</b>				
Salaries	45,280.00	43,756.83	1,523.17	
Salary of Secretary	2,360.00	2,360.00		
Other Expenses	7,985.00	7,943.74	41.26	
Cemetery Equipment	5,300.00	5,243.46	56.54	
<b>PENSIONS</b>				
County Retirement				
Assessment	235,612.00	235,612.00		
Leo J. Santucci				
Retirement	22,694.00	22,694.00		
Stanley J. Strzemienski				
Retirement	8,704.00	8,704.00		
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
General Insurance	220,902.00	174,332.09	46,569.91	
Health Insurance	103,000.00	99,147.89	3,852.11	
Group Insurance - Life	2,550.00	2,411.20	138.80	
Unemployment Insurance	15,000.00	6,360.00	8,640.00	
Medicare Tax	2,803.00	2,802.21	.79	
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>				
Town Reports	4,165.00	4,164.54	.46	
Reserve Fund	60,000.00	58,958.00	1,042.00	
<b>INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT</b>				
<b>INTEREST:</b>				
Tax Anticipation Notes	10,000.00	6,190.83	3,809.17	
Abated Taxes	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Three Rivers Flood Control Project	1,100.00	1,100.00		
Palmer Industrial Park Urban Renewal	44,250.00	44,250.00		
Wastewater Treatment Facilities	87,500.00	78,697.89	8,802.11	
Calkins Rd. Sewer Project	14,000.00	13,714.31	285.69	
Purchase & Renovation of Library Building	1,925.00	1,925.00		
Lake Thompson Sewer Project	23,928.00	23,927.78	.22	

**PRINCIPAL:**

Three Rivers

Flood Control Project 5,000.00 5,000.00

Palmer Industrial

Park Urban Renewal 130,000.00 130,000.00

Wastewater

Treatment Facilities 85,500.00 85,500.00

Renovation of

Library Bldg.

Purchase of

Library Bldg.

Calkins Rd.

Sewer Project 10,000.00 10,000.00

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11,926,352.81 10,158,821.18 444,418.34 1,323,113.29

**BONDED INDEBTEDNESS**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1987**

Maturity Fiscal Year	1962 Three Rivers Flood Project	1974 Industrial Park Project	1978 Water Pollution Control Project	1978 Palmer Public Library Project	Total
					1978
1988	5,000	125,000	80,000	10,000	220,000
1989	5,000	125,000	80,000	5,000	215,000
1990	5,000	124,000	80,000		209,000
1991		124,000	80,000		204,000
1992		124,000	80,000		204,000
1993		124,000	80,000		204,000
1994		19,000	80,000		99,000
1995			60,000		60,000
1996			60,000		60,000
1997			60,000		60,000
1998			60,000		60,000
1999			55,000		55,000
	15,000	765,000	855,000	15,000	1,650,000

**RESERVE ACCOUNT TRANSFERS**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1987**

APPROPRIATION:	\$60,000.00
TRANSFERRED	
Wastewater Treatment Plant	
Equipment	\$1,000.00
Computerization Program Account	800.00
Wire Inspector - Salary	2,000.00
Building Inspector - Salary & Expenses	5,000.00
Plumbing Inspector - Salary & Expenses	1,500.00
Police Equipment	915.00
Recreation - Salaries	4,231.00
Medicare Tax	2,500.00
Parking Clerk Expenses	1,000.00
Selectmen's Equipment	3,547.00
Consulting Engineer	4,000.00
Wire Inspector - Salary & Expenses	1,500.00
Interest - Lake Thompson Sewer Project	328.00
Plumbing Inspector - Salary	2,000.00
Town Reports	165.00
Custodial Services - Town	
Administration Bldg.	1,950.00
Building Inspector - Salary	3,500.00
Treasurer's Clerical	49.00
Board of Appeals Expenses	225.00
Medicare Tax	200.00
Dog Officer - Other Expenses	1,300.00
Parking Clerk Expenses	16.00
Conservation Commission Expenses	400.00
Medicare Tax	103.00
Nick Laviollette Field	1,600.00
Maintenance of Railroad Crossings	93.00
Memorial Day Observance	479.00
Police - Other Expenses	5,000.00
Forest Warden Out-of-District Fires	844.00
Police Equipment	261.00
Police - Other Expenses	4,100.00
Consulting Engineer	5,900.00
Sanitary Landfill - Salary of Caretaker	39.00
Health - Other Expenses	282.00
Selectmen - Other Expenses	847.00
Forest Warden Out-of-District Fires	1,099.00
Board of Appeals Expenses	185.00
	58,958.00
	2,377.50

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**TELEPHONE NUMBERS  
EMERGENCIES**

Fire:

Bondsville	283-8389
Palmer	283-3456
Thorndike	283-3456
Three Rivers	283-8386
Hospital	283-7651
Ambulance	283-3115
Police	283-8792

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Assessors	283-5061
Building Inspector (Residence)	283-7840
Civil Defense	283-8792
Dog Officer (Residence)	283-7670
Gas Inspector (Residence)	283-4082
Health Board (Information)	283-5730
Highway Department	283-3721
License Commission (Alcoholic Beverage) (Information)	283-3711
Cemetery	283-4058
Council on Aging	283-3259
Palmer Housing Authority	283-9311
Palmer Public Library	283-3330
Palmer Redevelopment Authority	283-4777
Park Commission	283-3013
Planning Board	283-9425
Plumbing Inspector (Residence)	323-4229
Police Department	283-8792
Schools:	
Elementary:	
Bondsville	283-3961
Park Street	283-3221
Quaboag	283-3371
Thorndike Grammar-Thorndike	283-5591
Thorndike Street—Palmer	283-8061
Three Rivers Grammar	283-3230
Palmer High School	283-6511
Pathfinder Regional Vocational—	
Technical High School	283-9701
Superintendent of Schools	283-9813
Sealer of Weights & Measures (Residence)	783-6092
Selectmen	283-7261
Tax Collector	283-6272
Town Accountant	283-9822
Town Clerk	283-3711
Town Treasurer	283-7622
Veterans' Agent	283-8011
Wastewater Treatment Plant	283-5730
Wire Inspector (Residence)	283-3356